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Tribe resolves to take necessary steps to fight trust land denial, including litigation

SAULT STE. MARIE — The Sault Tribe Board of Directors voted Oct. 24 to challenge the U.S. Department of the Interior's denial this July to put the tribe's Lansing and Wayne County's Huron Township properties into trust.

One of the Interior's reasons for the denial is that the tribe has not proven the land is for the tribe's enhancement. In a July 24 letter, DOI Associate Deputy Secretary James Cason wrote, "the tribe has failed to meet its burden of demonstrating that its acquisition of the parcels would effect an 'enhancement' of tribal lands as necessary to trigger the mandatory land-into-trust provision in section 108(f) of MILCSA. Therefore, the applications are denied."

The tribe's request hinges on Section 108 of Michigan Indian Land Claims Settlement Act, which specifically provides the interest and income generated by a self sufficiency fund set up by the board of directors to acquire lands "for the consolidation or enhancement of tribal lands" and also expressly provides that lands acquired with the fund "shall be held in trust."

The land in Lansing is planned as the location of a new gaming resort proposed by the Sault Tribe and Lansing Mayor Virg Bernero in January 2012. The land includes two parcels totaling about 2.7 acres at Michigan Avenue and North

Cedar Street adjacent to and near the Lansing Center, the city's convention and events facility. The tribe applied to put it into trust in June 2012, along with 71 acres in Huron Township for another gaming location.

At the time of the denial, Chairperson Aaron Payment said the decision was "based on a flawed legal analysis and because our Land Claims Settlement Act approved by the Congress of the United States in 1997 clearly requires that the applications be approved" and that the tribe was evaluating its next step.

On Oct. 24, the tribal board of directors approved Resolution No 2017-213, "Authorization to Initiate Litigation Challenging The Denial Of Mandatory Trust Applications," which directs the tribe's chairperson and general counsel to "take whatever action is necessary and appropriate to challenge and overturn the denial of its June 10, 2014, mandatory trust requests including but not limited to initiating litigation in the appropriate federal court..."

General Counsel John Wernet told the Lansing State Journal, "We are continuing to work with our legal counsel to make sure we have pursued every available option but it seems likely that a lawsuit will be necessary to vindicate the tribe's clear statutory right to have these lands placed in mandatory trust status." But, he could not specify a timeline.

JKL School September students of the month



In the photo above, JKL School Students of the Month for September are pictured: (Back Row, L-R) Abbie Church, Macy Collia, Connor Horn, Eleanor Miller, R.J. Mettner, Callie Lahti, Caitlyn Stevens, Mason Morehouse, Chelsea McLeod, (Middle Row, L-R) Brainna LePlante, Alexandra Balyeat, Ryley Farnquist, Emma Volrath-Bush, Gavin Cook, Tanner Carey, (Front Row, L-R) Owen Suggitt, Elizabeth Gardner, Liam Roe, Kacie Corbiere, Luke Roe and Isabel Semasky. Missing from photo: Karson McLeod, Khloe Franklin, Karli Hogan, Shae Reno and Dominik Parish.

Kemp accepts position as employee specialist

Gloria Kemp has joined Sault Tribe as an employee specialist in the Legal Department. She started on Sept. 21, 2017, and reports to the general counsel. Her role is to serve as liaison between team members and management/ Human Resources to resolve complaints or concerns that arise in the workplace following employment guidelines and pol-



icies and to help team members understand their rights and obligations under Human Resources and departmental policies and procedures. If an employee just wants someone to talk to, she is available for that, too.

Kemp graduated from Lake Superior State University with a bachelor's degree in business administration and earned an MBA from Central Michigan University. She comes to the tribe from Kewadin Casino where for the past 20 years she worked mostly with motorcoach groups.

She brings experience and a proven track record of success.

"Gloria is an excellent match for this position and is quickly becoming a strong asset to our team," her supervisor said. "I know she will be a tremendous resource for all tribal employees."

Kemp's office is in the Min Wabab Dan Building (administration complex), room 325, at 523 Ashmun Street in Sault Ste. Marie. She can be reached by telephone at 635-6050, extension 26230, or by email at gkemp1@saulttribe.net.

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Funding is restored to LIHEAP; now open for apps

Funding was restored to the Low Income Heating Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and Anishnaabek Community and Family Services (ACFS) LIHEAP opened Nov. 1, 2017.

Applications are available at ACFS offices in Sault Ste. Marie, Kincheloe, St. Ignace, Munising, Manistique and satelitte offices in Hessel, Escanaba and Marquette.

Applications are also available online at www.saulttribe.com.

Contact the nearest Anishnaabek Community and Family Serices office to answer questions, or call (800) 726-0093.



The Sault Tribe Board of Directors, represented above by Unit I Director Dennis McKelvie (L) congratulates Chairperson Aaron Payment (R) on attaining his doctorate in education. The board members also gave Payment a beautiful black ash basket to commemorate the occasion. The chairperson had a big month — he was also re-elected as president of United Tribes of Michigan and elected first vice president of National Congress of American Indians.

Students from Japan sister city visit Sault area



Photos by Rick Smith

Above from left, Sault Tribe Board Chairperson Aaron Payment and City of Sault Ste. Marie Mayor Tony Bosbous greet the high school students from Ryuo-cho, Japan, as they arrive at the City Building for welcoming ceremonies by local officials and others. Below, Cecil Pavlat Sr. explains some Anishinaabe customs to the visitors (second from right, holding hand drum) with help from an interpreter (woman next to Pavlat) at the City Building just prior to adjourning to chambers upstairs.



Opportunity knocks!

Tribes seeks proposals for downtown Sault space

Sault Tribe requested its EDC to identify all interested parties and bring forward proposals for the space formally occupied by the American Café, downtown at 531 Ashmun Street in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

This property is on land held in trust for Sault Tribe and thus falls under its legal jurisdiction. This potentially offers benefits to the business operator that could include certain federal designations (HUBZone, Foreign Trade Zone), benefits as defined in the Sault Tribe Tax Agreement with the State of Michigan, and connectivity to tribal, state and federal support systems.

The space is approximately 3,503 square feet previously operated as a café, with some residual equipment and infrastructure in

place. Its common tenants would include the Ojibwe Learning Center and Library and the River of History Museum, as well as numerous departments with staffing of over 100 Sault Tribe employees.

The goals of the Sault Tribe's economic development efforts will be applied in reviewing opportunities. It is our goal to create and enhance our tribal business infrastructure, make sound economic development investments to create revenue streams to benefit the tribe and to support and promote Sault Tribe member owned businesses.

Please call or email Joel Schultz, economic development director, at (906) 635-6050 or jschultz@saulttribe.net, to discuss your potential project.

A group of 15 high school students, four chaperons and a translator visited Sault Ste. Marie officials and others on Oct. 2, including Sault Tribe Board Chairperson Aaron Payment and elder Cecil Pavlat Sr.

The folks from Ryuo-cho, Japan, enjoyed the hospitality of host families in the EUP for five days during the first week of October. Ryuo-cho is the sister city of Sault Ste. Marie.

The group toured many area attractions as well as Sault Area Middle School and High School and the Sault Tribe Cultural Library.

Payment took part in greeting the group and Pavlat conducted ceremonial drumming and singing to welcome them along with providing explanation on a bit of traditional Chippewa custom.

Sault Tribe elders holiday parties!

For elders 60 and over. Please mark your calendars and RSVP if requested.

Units I, II and III

Thursday, Dec. 14 at the DreamMakers Theater doors open at 11 a.m. with the meal at noon. Please RSVP with Elder Services at 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356

Unit II-Newberry

Friday, Dec. 18 Newberry American Legion doors open at noon with meal at 1 p.m.

Unit IV-Manistique

Thursday, Dec. 7, Manistique Tribal Center at 6 p.m.

Unit IV-Escanaba

Thursday, Dec. 14, Chip In Casino at 6 p.m. Please RSVP with Viola Neadow at 641-8469

(Unit IV & V-Marquette was held Nov. 2)



Working on Wellness

... it's time



Join us for a new Wellness Program in January 2018.

The 10-week program will run from Jan. 16 through March 20, 2018, every Tuesday, 12-1 p.m., in the Big Bear Health Education Room (next to the Physical Therapy Office). Must attend informational session on Jan. 9.

Come join us with your brown bag lunch for friendly exercise and nutrition education. Stay motivated each week with online support, prizes and competitions.

Please call Community Health at 632-5210 to enroll or for more information.



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GOVERNMENTAL OPENINGS

SAULT STE. MARIE/ KINCHELOE
 Health education supervisor – full time/regular – open until filled
 Employee specialist – full time/regular – open until filled
 Division director (Health) – full time/regular – open until filled
 Chief financial officer – full time/regular – open until filled
 License practical nurse – full time/regular – open until filled
 PC technician – full time/regular – open until filled
 Senior accountant – full time/regular – open until filled
 Receptionist (Tribal Court) – full time/regular – open until filled
 Child care aide (2) – part time/regular – open until filled
 Internal auditor – full time/regular – open until filled
 Executive assistant – full time/regular – open until filled
 Traditional practitioner assistant I (intern) – full time/regular – open until filled
 Concessions worker – part time/regular – open until filled
 Child care instructor – full time/regular – open until filled
 Traditional Ojibway practitioner – full time/regular – open until filled
 Human Resource director – full time/regular – open until filled
 Bus driver – full time/regular –

open until filled
 Lead fisheries biologist – full time/regular – open until filled
 Nurse case manager – full time/regular – open until filled
 Laboratory manager – full time/regular – open until filled
 Quality improvement coordinator – full time/regular – open until filled
 Bus aide – head start – full time/regular – open until filled
 Teacher aide – head start – part time/temporary – open until filled
 Physican assistant or nurse practitioner – full time/regular – open until filled
 Early Head Start instructor – full time/regular – open until filled
 Custodian/janitor – part time/regular – open until filled
 Cook – part time/regular – open until filled
 Caseworker – full time/regular – open until filled
 Comptroller – full time/regular – open until filled
 Pharmacy technician II – full time/regular – open until filled

HESSEL, ST. IGNACE, ESCANABA, MANISTIQUE, MARQUETTE, MUNISING, NEWBERRY
 Chief solo dentist (Manistique) – full time/regular – open until filled
 Community Health program manager – rural (Munising) – full time/regular – open until filled
 Diabetes case coordinator (St. Ignace) – full time/regular – open until filled
 Registered dental hygienist (St. Ignace) – full time/regular – open until filled
 Staff dentist (Manistique) – full time/regular – open until filled

Chief solo dentist (St. Ignace) – full time/regular – open until filled
 Driver – west end (Manistique) – part time/regular – open until filled
 Maintenance technician (St. Ignace) – part time/regular – open until filled
 Student Services assistant (Escanaba) – full time/regular – open until filled
 Community Health technician (Munising) – full time/regular – open until filled
 Tutor (Escanaba/Gladstone) – part time/seasonal – open until filled
 Tutor (St. Ignace) – part time/seasonal – open until filled
 Operator – (St. Ignace) full time/regular – open until filled
 Housekeeper – (St. Ignace) full time/regular – open until filled

KEWADIN CASINO OPENINGS

SAULT STE. MARIE
 Guest room attendant – part time / regular – open until filled
 Count team counter-part time / regular – open until filled
 Count team manager-full time / regular – open until filled
 Lead bar server – part time / regular – open until filled
 Count team verifier - part time / regular – open until filled

ST. IGNACE
 Bartender – full time/regular – open until filled
 Bar server – full time/regular – open until filled
 Deli cooks – (3) full time/regular – open until filled
 Deli cook – part time/regular – open until filled

Front desk clerk – full time/temporary – open until filled
 Front desk clerks – (2) full time/regular – open until filled
 Dishwasher – part time/regular – open until filled
 Line cooks – (2) full time/regular – open until filled
 Bell valet attendant – full time/regular – open until filled
 Restaurant cashier – full time/regular – open until filled
 Gift shop manager – full time/regular – open until filled
 Cage cashier – part time/regular – open until filled
 Administrative assistant – full time/regular – open until filled

Units IV-V membership liaison schedule

Unit IV and V membership liaison Mary Jenerou is available for issues and concerns on these dates and places for November. See below for dates and phone numbers.
 To reach Jenerou by cell call (906) 450-7011.
 Manistique Health Center, (906) 341-8469: Nov. 2, 6, 8, 14, 16, 21, 28, 30
 Munising Health Center, (906) 387-4721: Nov. 1, 3, 7, 9, 17, 20, 29
 Escanaba Penn Star, (906) 786-2636: Nov. 13
 Marquette Community Tribal Center, (906) 225-1616: Nov. 27

Tribal members: need assistance?

Three membership liaisons work with the chairperson's office on membership issues and concerns across the service area. The liaisons respond to membership issues and follow up to ensure they are resolved. Sault Tribe members are encouraged to contact the liaisons when they need help with tribal issues by emailing membersconcerns@saulttribe.net or contacting them individually at:
 Unit I – Sheila Berger,

Office of the Chairperson, Sault Ste. Marie, (906) 635-6050, (800) 793-0660, sberger@saulttribe.net
 Units II and III – Clarence Hudak, Lambert Center, St. Ignace, (906) 643-2124, chudak@saulttribe.net
 Units IV and V – Mary Jenerou, Manistique Tribal Center, (906) 341-8469; Munising Centers, (906) 450-7011 or (906) 450-7011, mjenerou@saulttribe.net.

Training opportunities available for eligible applicants

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians WIOA Program has funding available for short-term occupational training opportunities. WIOA may be able to provide tuition assistance for skills training if it leads to an industry-recognized certification.

Candidates must meet certain eligibility requirements and be a resident of the seven-county service area.
 Please apply at WIOA, 523 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., or call Brenda Cadreau at 635-4767 for more information.

Resident tribal members MUST keep address current

Doesn't matter if you move next door or across the country, if you move from your residence to a new address without notifying the Tribal Tax Office and the tribe's Enrollment Department, you lose important benefits, such as possible tax benefits, tribal election ballots, elders' dividends, important notices sent by mail and newspaper delivery.

State Tribal Tax Agreement Resident Tribal Member (RTM) Status

A resident tribal member (RTM) is the term used for a tribal member whose principal place of residence is in an tax agreement area. The term RTM is not based upon members being enrolled members of the tribe, it is merely to designate between members living in the agreement areas and members

who do not live in agreement areas.

The procedure for tribal members to receive their RTM status is only through the submission (to the Tribal Tax Office) of an address verification card along with the required supporting documentation verifying their address is within the boundaries of the agreement areas. It is the responsibility of the members to submit this information to the Tribal Tax Office.

A member living in an agreement area is not automatically registered. Though a member may have lived in the agreement area prior to registering with the Tribal Tax Office, their RTM status will not begin until the Michigan Department of Treasury has been notified that the member has proven through

documentation their principal place of residence is within the boundaries of the tax agreement areas. The Michigan Department of Treasury will then recognize their RTM status (exempt from state income and sales tax) on the first of the following month.

Once a member is registered and given RTM status, it is imperative that any changes to the member's address is reported to the Tribal Tax Office. Per Tribal Code 43: Tribal Tax Code Section 43.1103,

Resident tribal members shall notify the Tribal Tax Office in writing prior to moving their principal place of residence.

— Tribal members must fill out an "Address Verification Card," and provide two proofs of the address stated on the card. A valid Michigan driver's license

or Michigan state identification card must be one of the proofs of address. The address on the identification card must have member's current address. The Tribal Tax Office will not process/register members without an identification card.

— Tribal members who are minors. If the minor has a Michigan driver's license or Michigan state identification card, a copy must accompany the "Address Verification Card." If they do not have state identification cards, then two utility bills with their parent's name and address (matching the minors stated address) are required. The Tribal Tax Office will not process/register without this information.

— Tribal member parents are responsible to request their

minor children (under 14 years of age) be registered for sales tax exemptions on motor fuel purchases. This does not require proof of address if only for motor fuel purchases.

For all Tribal Tax Office business, call Candace Blocher at 635-6050 or toll free at (800) 793-0660 and ask for ext. 26310. Members may also send email to her via cblocher@saulttribe.net.

Also be sure to call the tribe's Enrollment Department to ensure your address is current in order to continue receiving important official tribal notices, election ballots, elders' dividends, newspapers sent via the U.S. mail.

Call the Enrollment Department at 632-8552 or toll free at (800) 251-6597.

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Chronic wasting disease found in ceded lands

BY JOSEPH LAUTENBACH

In September 2017, during the state of Michigan's youth hunt, a hunter harvested a wild white-tailed deer in Montcalm County with Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD). This was the first confirmed case of CWD in a wild deer in the 1836 Ceded Territory. Prior to this, CWD had been detected and confirmed at a captive deer facility in Mecosta County, also within the 1836 Ceded Territory in 2016. Additionally, CWD was detected in the Lansing area, outside the 1836 Ceded Territory, in 2015. CWD poses a significant threat to Michigan's deer population and our treaty rights.

CWD is found in members of the deer family including deer, elk, moose, and caribou. This disease is 100 percent fatal in all animals that are infected. The disease attacks the brain of the infected individual by creating small lesions that ultimately result in death. CWD is transmitted to other deer through direct contact with other animals, or through contact

BREAKING NEWS from the Michigan DNR: CWD positive deer taken during 2017 youth hunt.

Harvested in Montcalm County, the deer is the 10th free-ranging deer in Michigan found to have chronic wasting disease. The youth hunter opted to take the animal to a DNR deer check station and then submitted the animal for testing – steps the DNR strongly encourages hunters across the state to take during the 2017 deer hunting seasons.

with saliva, feces, urine, blood, carcasses of infected animals, or infected soil.

An animal infected with CWD will likely exhibit an alteration in behavior (such as a lack of fear of humans), excessive drooling and salivation, poor body condition (emaciation) and a loss of control of bodily movements. However,

not all infected animals show these signs because the disease takes some time to incubate before these symptoms are visible. The only way to confirm that a deer is infected is through a test of brain tissues.

Although there is no evidence that CWD can jump to humans that come in contact with infected animals, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the World Health Organization recommend that CWD positive animals are not consumed. It is also recommended that hunters use rubber or latex gloves when cleaning animals as a precaution. Always wash hands after field dressing or handling a carcass.

CWD has the potential to affect the deer populations within Michigan and the Ceded Territory. For instance, within the core CWD areas in Wisconsin, deer populations are experiencing a decline, primarily due to CWD. This disease has the potential to affect our membership's ability to exercise their treaty rights by decreasing the



deer population and potentially spreading to other parts of the 1836 Ceded Territory.

As a result, Sault Tribe's Natural Resources Department (STNRD) is recommending that all members harvesting deer in Kent, Montcalm, and Mecosta

Counties check deer with the Michigan DNR. Additionally, if a deer is confirmed to be a positive CWD case, STNRD recommends not eating the meat. Lastly, STNRD strongly recommends that no tribal member bait in Kent, Montcalm, Mecosta and Ionia counties to prevent the spread of the disease. STNRD is working with Michigan DNR to address this issue. Additionally, STNRD will likely need to implement new regulations to increase detection of the disease and reduce the spread of the disease.

STNRD used information from the Michigan DNR and CWD Alliance when writing this article. For more information please visit: cwd-info.org/ or mi.gov/cwd. STNRD is willing to answer questions related to CWD. Please call (906) 632-6132 with any questions concerning CWD.

Joseph Lautenbach is an assessment biologist with the Sault Ste Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Natural Resources Department.

Why soil test in the fall? Because of several compelling advantages

BY GEORGE SILVA

Soil testing is a best practice recommended by Michigan State University Extension to achieve the desired agronomic, economic and environmental outcomes from fertilizer practices. Timing-wise, there are several advantages to soil test in the fall compared to spring.

There is more time available in the fall to collect soil samples and make fertilizer decisions compared to spring. Based on the soil analysis, fall season allows additional time to think about upcoming management decisions.

Farmers usually apply phosphorus and potassium fertilizer in the fall when there is more time and equipment available



and soil compaction is less of a concern. This simplifies spring operations and streamlines planting. On soils with optimum fertility levels, field research has shown fall applications of phosphorus and potassium would be equally effective compared to a spring application prior to corn and soybean planting. For winter wheat, all the phosphorus and potassium requirements are best

applied at fall planting.

Also, dry fertilizers can be safely and quickly applied in the fall. Some tillage will help ensure nutrients are placed below the soil surface. This will help reduce stratification and lower the concentration of dissolved phosphorus in the runoff water.

Weather conditions are typically more favorable for collecting soil samples as compared to spring. Michigan's unpredictable spring weather conditions can force postponement or even abandonment of soil testing for that year.

Fall offers the best opportunity to apply lime as it provides more time to neutralize soil acidity. The soil test results

should indicate the soil pH and if lime is needed to rectify excess acidity. Long-term experiments in Michigan have shown that liming will improve nutrient availability and generate a good return for investment.

Based on the soil test results, fertilizer can be purchased prior to the end of the year. Fertilizer is often cheaper in the fall compared to spring, when demand is high. Purchasing fertilizer prior to the end of this year could potentially have favorable tax implications.

Soil testing laboratories are less busy. Generally, soil testing laboratories are busier in the spring compared to fall, since a majority of farmers, gardeners and homeowners wait until

spring to soil test. Therefore, the turnaround time in spring is much longer. A longer wait for soil testing results may force delays in fertilizer timing.

There are several good quality labs available to Michigan farmers, including the MSU Soil and Plant Nutrient Laboratory. Details on submission, interpretation, fee schedule and more can be found by visiting the MSU Soil and Plant Nutrient Laboratory website at <http://www.spln.msu.edu/>. MSU Extension educators are available to assist people in learning more about utilizing the soil test data to their best advantage.

George Silva is a senior educator with Michigan State University Extension.

2018 Black Lake Sturgeon Lottery Application

Sault Tribe has an allocation of sturgeon from Black Lake in Cheboygan County in 2018. A lottery will be conducted on on January 8, 2018 to determine who will have the opportunity to harvest a sturgeon. Please fill out the following application and return to Sault Tribe Natural Resource Department at: **2428 Shunk Road, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783. Application must be received by 5:00 pm on January 3, 2018.** Applications received after 5:00pm on January 3, 2018 **will not** be accepted.

First Name Middle Name Last Name

Address City State Zipcode

File Number (Red # on Tribal ID) Phone Number

STS # Date of Birth Sex email address

Tribal members: Think about joining a committee

The following committees have vacant seats.

Sault Tribe members interested in filling these vacancies should submit one letter of intent and three letters of recommendation from other members to Joanne Carr or Linda Grossett, 523 Ashmun St., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783. Call (906) 635-6050 with any questions.

- Anishinaabe Cultural Committee - Four vacancies - males, (four-year term)
- Child Welfare Committee - Five vacancies (four-year term)
- Election Committee - Eight vacancies (four-year term)
- Higher Education Committee - Three vacancies (four-year term)
- Health Board - Two vacancies (four-year term)

- Special Needs/Enrollment Committee - Eight vacancies (two-year term)
- Elder Advisory Committee
- Unit II – Hessel (four-year term), one regular vacancy, one alternate vacancy
- Unit III - St. Ignace (four-year term), one alternate vacancy

- Unit V – Munising (four-year term), one alternate vacancy
- Unit V - Marquette (four-year term), one regular vacancy
- Elder Subcommittee
- Unit II – Hessel (four year terms), four regular seat vacancies, two alternate seat

- vacancies
- Unit II – Naubinway (four-year term), one regular seat vacancy
- Unit V – Munising (four-year term), two regular vacancies, two alternate vacancies
- Unit V – Marquette (four-year term), one regular seat vacancy, one alternate seat vacancy

NCAI joins AFN call for Native NAFTA chapter

MILWAUKEE, Wis. — The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) membership overwhelmingly moved on Oct. 18 to support Assembly of First Nations (AFN) National Chief Perry Bellegarde's request that NCAI join AFN in working to establish an indigenous chapter of

the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

National Chief Bellegarde was addressing NCAI at its 74th annual convention and marketplace in Milwaukee, Wis.

"I thank the National Congress of American Indians for passing a unanimous motion support-

ing in principle an indigenous peoples chapter in a renegotiated NAFTA and supporting our work to protect indigenous rights," said Bellegarde. "This is a strong show of solidarity by the first peoples of Turtle Island and a strong message to the nation-states involved in the

negotiations. Our inherent rights, treaty rights and international rights in the *U.N. Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* must be respected in the negotiations and in any final agreement."

AFN National Chief

Bellegarde spoke passionately to the crowd of tribal leaders during the NCAI second general assembly about working across the borders that were created by others and separated our peoples.

"It is an honor to work with our brothers and sisters in Canada to ensure indigenous voices are a part of the NAFTA negoti-

ations," said NCAI President Brian Cladoosby. "NCAI member tribes see our collaborative work for inclusion of an indigenous peoples chapter in NAFTA as a necessity to protect the rights of American Indian tribes, Canadian first nations, and the indigenous peoples of Mexico."

NCAI members voted to approve a resolution titled *Supporting the Inclusion of an Indigenous Chapter in any Renegotiated North American Free Trade Agreement (MKE-17-053)* on Oct. 20, 2017 during the sixth general assembly.

Payment elected NCAI first VP

Aaron Payment EdD, chairperson of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors, was elected first vice president of the National Congress of American Indians on Oct. 19, 2017, at the NCAI's 74th annual convention in Milwaukee, Wis.

"My heart, soul and commitment is to our Native people and families. I am honored to have garnered 14,254 votes (70 percent) for first vice president," said Payment. "I also want to recognize my tribal board for voting unanimously to support my continuation of this critical work at the national level advocating for

our people in a non partisan way. Chi miigwech."

Payment served previously as Midwest area vice president and as secretary for NCAI. He has testified over 15 times in Congress and has been invited to the White House under both Republican and Democratic Administrations.

Now in his third term as Sault Tribe chairperson, Payment serves or has served in the following capacities: National Advisory Council on Indian Education (presidential appointment); National Congress of American Indians, executive officer - secretary; HHS Secretary

Tribal Advisory Council member; HHS Health Research Advisory Council co-chair; National Institutes of Health Tribal Advisory Committee; Tribal Interior Budget Committee; Mid-West Alliance of Sovereign Tribes, vice president; United Tribes of Michigan, president; Chippewa Ottawa Treaty Resource Authority, chairperson; Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, vice president; Chippewa-Luce-Mackinac Community Action Agency, vice chair; and Michigan Political Leadership Program Advisory Board and presenter.

Payment has been awarded numerous honors in his distinguished career, including 2015 National TRiO Achiever, 2013 Sergeant Shriver Achievement Honoree, 1999 NMU Distinguished Young Native American Alumni and 1994 Midwest TRiO Achiever.

A high school dropout from an impoverished reservation community, Payment has since earned a G.E.D., a bachelor's degree, master's degree in public administration, master's in education administration, and, most recently, a doctorate in education.

Other officers elected were President Jefferson Keel, Lt. governor of the Chickasaw Nation; Treasurer W. Ron Allen, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe in the state of Washington; and Secretary Juana Majel Dixon, Pauma Band of Luiseno Indians.

Tribe makes DOJ testimony



ARC head Jami Moran, Director Jen McLeod and ACFS Director Juanita Bye during a recent trip to Washington, D.C., to testify to the Department of Justice. (See McLeod's report on page 24 for testimony.)

Trump intends nomination of Quapaw tribal member to head Indian Health Services

Nominee comes from health insurance background

By Rick Smith

The White House announced on Oct. 6 that President Donald Trump intends to nominate Robert M. Weaver to serve as director of Indian Health Services for a term of four years. Weaver is an enrolled member of the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma, according to the White House.

Weaver served as the health care consultative representative for federal relations for his tribe and has nearly 20 years of experience in hospital, mental health administration and entrepreneurship. Further, he founded



Robert M. Weaver

and owns four health insurance brokerage services that serve tribal governments, enterprises and members. Weaver has worked with tribal, state and federal agencies to improve health care for American Indians through improvements in employee and membership benefits and wellness plans.

Among other honors, Weaver was awarded the Regional/Area Impact Award by the National Indian Health Board in 2012 and one of his companies was chosen as the 2017 American

See "Weaver" on page 7

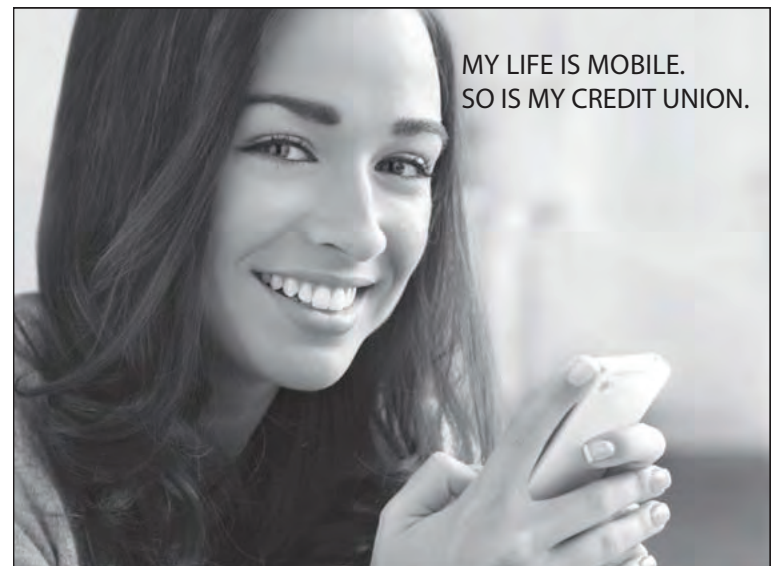
"Native Americans face significant regulatory and bureaucratic hurdles to economic freedom and success," Rice said in the DOI announcement. "I am honored to accept this position and look forward to implementing President Trump's and Secretary

Zinke's regulatory reform initiative for Indian Country to liberate Native Americans from the bureaucracy that has held them back economically."

Acting Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs John Tahsuda said Zinke's choice in selecting Rice as BIA director "brings an accomplished individual to that post who is well-versed in the bureau's mission and has extensive knowledge about its work, particularly in the area of forestry and combatting wildland fires."

The DOI also announced the nomination of Inupiat Eskimo Tara Sweeney to serve as an assistant secretary of the BIA. According to the White House, Sweeney is the executive vice president of external affairs for the largest Alaskan Native owned and operated business in Alaska, the Arctic Slope Regional Corporation.

Sweeney grew up in a remote area of Alaska and has long been an advocate for Native rights and growth. She has served in many leadership capacities in Native corporate circles and state government. In 2008, she was honored as one of the "Top Forty Under 40" and this year was inducted into the Anchorage ATHENA Society.



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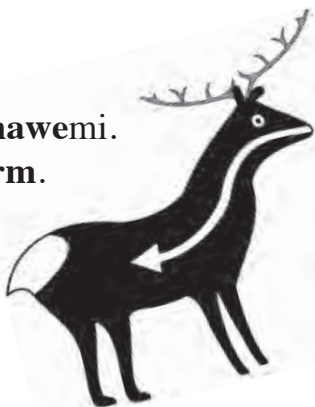
"I have always been delighted at the prospect of a new day, a fresh try, one more start, with perhaps a bit of magic waiting behind the morning."

— J. B. Priestly

Miizhigwa wii giweseng miinwaa

It's time to go **hunting** again.

1. N'**wiikiiwenh** genii, n'wii giwesemi.
My **friend** and I, we are going hunting.
2. N'ga bizigwii wiiba, miinwaa ka **giizhookanawemi**.
We will get up early and we'll **dress warm**.
3. **Naangodnang**, bashkizigan miinwaa nwiin nakaazam.
Sometimes a gun and bullets are used.
4. Naangodnang, **mitigwaab** nakaazam.
Sometimes a **bow and arrows** are used.
5. Naangodnang, **nagwaaganan** nda goodoonaanan.
Sometimes we set snares.
6. Kweji-bekaayaang, miinwaa **giimoodizimi**.
We try to be quiet and **sneaky**.
7. Kweji-bashkizyaang **gyak**.
We try to shoot **straight**.
8. Giishpin **minaabnewziyaang** miinwaa gyak bashkizyaang,
If we have **good luck** and shoot straight,
9. ...ginemaa, **wiiaas** n'wii biidoonaa.
...maybe we will bring **meat** home.
10. **Semaa** n'wii bigidnaanaa mkwendmaang **wesiinik** g'wiikaanewaata aawi.
We will put down **tobacco** so we will remember **wild animals** are our brothers.
11. N'**miigwechwendaami**, geyaabi niinwi **mamiikwas mi** bangii.
We are thankful; still we *flatter ourselves* a little,
12. ...nitaagiiweseyaang.
...that we are good hunters.



Zhimaaganishii Giizhigat Veteran's Day

Many of our people have gone to war (miigaading) for this country, even if it hasn't treated us all that well. We honor our veterans and say Miigwech.

In Aanishinaabemowin we can say "miigaasijig" to mean "those who fight." We don't have words for people in the various armed forces. So, since our language is descriptive, we offer these phrases that could describe these miigaasijig.

Army: **Gitigaaning nini/kwe**

In the field man/woman

Navy: **Maashii niniwok/kwewok**

In the water men/women

Air Force: **Baasjiiganan nini/kwe**

Airplane man/woman

Marine: **Ntam miigaazijig**

First fighters

Coast Guard: **Kwaabiininiwok nibiish endaayaang.**

They watch the waters at home.

National Guard: **Miigaazijig endaayaang.**

People who fight at home.



As usual with these language pages, there's a lot more information offered than anyone is likely to learn. Like the delicious offerings at a Thanksgiving dinner, just choose your favorites and savor those - make them part of you. And what a gift to give those around your table: a few of the words of our people!

Mishka'odin Giizis Frozen Moon

By Susan Askwith



Pronunciation Guide; How to Sound Really Good:

Let's just stick with these basics: Letters sound like they do in reading English, except for these ones.

a	sounds like U in cup	i	sounds like I in fit
aa	sounds like A in fall	ii	sounds like EE in feed
o	sounds like OO in book	e	sounds like E in fed
oo	sounds like O in grow	g	sounds only like g in go

nh has no sound at all; it is only a SIGN that the vowel in front of it is said in a nasal way.

English has a lot of strange spellings. Our system of writing is easier. We pronounce all the letters shown, even if we say some of them pretty fast and some are pretty quiet.

Health Comments of the Month

G'mikwenmigoyin. Someone is thinking of you.

— What you would say to someone who sneezes, instead of "bless you."

Masadang na gaagiidiz? Do you have a stomach ache?

Weather Comments of the Month

Dakaasin gojing. The wind is cold outside.

Wabaagwonesin. There is frost.

Miigwechwi Giizhigat Thanksgiving Day

Ka g'chi wiisinimi

We will be feasting!

Aanii ! Biindigen !!

Hi ! Come in !

N'gchi nendam gii bizhaayin

I'm glad you came!

Mkade aaboo na k'wii minikwen?

Do you want some coffee?

Kina gego minomaate

Everything smells good.

Mizisi miinwaa biinshkwaajigan **ka miijnaa**

We will eat turkey and stuffing.

Piniik miinwaa **bkwezhiganaaboo** n'bishigendaan.

I like **potatoes** and **gravy**.

Mishkiigamiinan **bashkaminsigan** ka miijnaa.

We will eat cranberry **sauce**.

Eginiksing niibiish **dgwanjigan maanda**.

This is mixed greens **salad**.

Eginiksing **maanwang** dgwanjigan **wi**.

That is mixed **fruit** salad.

Bkwezhigan miinwaa **zaaw-mid**

Bread and **butter**

Wii mnopagwat wi!

That will taste good!

Waashkabang dash?

What about dessert?

Mishiimini-**biitoojiishkweganigan**

Apple **pie**

Kosmaan-biitoojiishkweganigan

Pumpkin pie

Mkoomii magan

Ice cream

Aabdek gwa n'ga zhisjige geyaabi.

I still have to set the table.

Naadimooshin, na?

Will you help me?

Miigwech maanda wiisining

Thank you that we eat this

Aambe, wiisnidaa!

OK! Let's eat!

Kina gego **mnopagwat**.

Everything **tastes good**.

Oonh, n'gii zaamshkine.

Oh!, I ate too much.

Mizise maajiish endaayin.

Take some **turkey** home with you.

Baamaa pii ka waabmin.

I'll see you later!



Please save this page! Each month this year we will have another. Bit by bit we will learn together.

McKechnie accepts post as Tribal Action Plan coordinator to oversee progress on plan goals

By BRENDA AUSTIN

Daisy McKechnie was hired recently as the Tribal Action Plan (TAP) coordinator.

The Tribal Action Plan was adopted by the tribe as a long-term strategic plan to combat substance abuse. McKechnie will be responsible for administrating the implementation of the plan, directing the TAP work group and implementation teams. She said the position is responsible for coordinating, oversight and guidance on special projects related to TAP and monitoring progress of the implementation to ensure that goals, objectives, tasks, schedules and benchmarks are all met.

“I will also be responsible for advising department heads and senior management on TAP initiatives and will be providing regular reports to the executive director regarding implementation progress, she said. “There



Daisy McKechnie

are many different programs and departments within the tribal community that will be involved

with the TAP — it’s very extensive and will take a lot of time and good communication to be successful. It is very important that we get the word out about services available for those with substance abuse issues. The stigma attached to substance abuse often makes it harder for people to seek help. I want to make it easier for people to feel comfortable asking for help.”

McKechnie has worked for the tribe as a banquet server at Kewadin Casino, then in concessions at Big Bear before accepting an events coordinator position (also at Big Bear), and now as TAP coordinator.

McKechnie said she has seen firsthand the effects of addiction in friends she grew up and went to school with. “I have seen a lot of deaths and people being incarcerated; it’s sad and scary and doesn’t discriminate. It’s some-

thing that hits every spectrum of our community,” she said. “When I saw that the tribe has a TAP program geared towards the tribal community I was super excited, because not only do they recognize there is a problem, but they have come up with a plan to combat it. I really wanted to be a part of that because I see the dire need for it in our community. Some of the statistics about our little community are flabbergasting.”

McKechnie said she is open for suggestions and comments and if there is something going on in the community you are concerned about, please contact her — “I have an open door,” she said.

McKechnie was born and raised in the Sault by parents Gene and Cheri McKechnie. She earned a Bachelor’s degree in Business Administration and an associates in Liberal Arts from Lake Superior State University in

2014.

She is also a veteran of the Michigan National Guard, where she was enlisted for seven years as a supply clerk, making sure the soldiers had everything they needed to perform their jobs, such as clothing, food, barracks and battle gear. She also held two other military occupational specialties; heavy equipment operator and plumber. She worked for GM Trucking for several years where she learned about managing a business and dealing with customers.

McKechnie also has a love for the land and animals. “I love animals, especially horses, and I raise rabbits and chickens for food,” she said. “I have a vegetable garden every year and have participated in the local farmer’s market. My goal is to one day be able to produce nearly all my own food.”

Weaver known in Indian Country as American Indian health and wellness advocate

From “Weaver,” page 5

Indian Business of the Year by the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development.

According to the web site of one of his companies, RWI Benefits, LLC, Weaver is known throughout Indian Country as an advocate for American Indian health and wellness stemming from personal family experienc-

es with substance abuse, mental health difficulties, addictions and preventable diseases.

Weaver attended Baxter Springs High School and Labette Community College in Kansas before going to Missouri Southern State University where he studied international business with an emphasis in marketing and accounting. He minored in

Spanish, vocal music and piano from 1996 to 2001.

He worked various administration positions managing accounts and budgets at St. John’s Hospital in Joplin, Mo., from 1997 to 2006. Weaver became an independent insurance producer later in 2006 and founded RWI Consulting in Miami, Okla., where he is also the chief executive officer; the firm

deals in insurance plan reviews for tribes to find misallocations in funding and savings in costs. The company also provides health insurance for tribal employees and members.

Weaver also founded NativeCare Health, LLC, of Miami, Okla., where he also remains as the company’s chief executive officer. NativeCare is a

third party administrator for tribal health insurance plans.

He founded and is the chief executive officer of MedCase, LLC, a medical usage review service, in 2012. In 2016, Weaver Real Estate Holdings, LLC, was established as a real estate investment firm in Miami, Okla., and is the chief executive officer of that firm as well.



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Indian Economic Enhancement Act pending

BY RICK SMITH

The Indian Community Economic Enhancement Act (S. 1116) introduced into the U.S. Senate last May was placed on the Senate’s legislative calendar on Oct. 17. Essentially, the bill amends three laws to direct support to tribes by federal agencies along with guidance on funding.

Senators John Hoeven (R-N.D.) and John McCain (R-Ariz.) are the main sponsors of the act, which was well received by the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development. The organization cited the quick action of the Senate Committee on Indian

Affairs on the bill to “focus on improving economic opportunity and access to capital in Indian Country.”

In an announcement acknowledging introduction of the bill, National Center President and CEO Chris James said, “Though we still have a long way to enactment of this bill, today’s committee approval demonstrates a clear commitment to heeding our and all of Indian Country’s recommendations for how federal agencies can better partner with tribes and tribal entities. We look forward to working with the committee and others to advance business and economic develop-

ment in Indian Country.”

The three acts the bill amends are the Native American Business Development, Trade Promotion and Tourism Act of 2000; the Buy Indian Act; and the Native American Programs Act of 1974.

In the amendment to the Native American Business Development, Trade Promotion and Tourism Act, the Office of Native American Business Development would be tasked with advising the U.S. Department of Commerce on the relationship between the United States and American Indian tribes and serving as the contact agency for tribes, tribal organizations

and members in matters of economic development. Further, the office along with the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs and the Community Development Financial Institutions must coordinate for economic development support in American Indian communities. The amendment also stipulates funding assistance for American Indian community development financial institutions would not require matching funds.

Furthermore, the amendment calls for the U.S. Government Accountability Office to assess programs and services to help American Indian communities

with business and economic development, assistance actually provided and alternatives for tribal governments to invest American Indian community development funds or banks.

The Buy Indian Act amendment would require the Department of Health and Human Services to employ American Indians and buy appropriate American Indian products.

An amendment to the Native American Programs Act of 1974 would let the Bureau of Indian Affairs provide financial aid to certain unspecified American Indian community development financial institutions.

Senators acting for survivors of sexual violence

On Oct. 19, U.S. senators Al Franken (D-Minn.) and Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) announced a bipartisan effort to help bring justice to Native survivors of sexual violence. Sen. Tom Udall (D-N. Mex) is a co-sponsor.

According to the National Institute of Justice, more than half of American Indian and Alaska Native women — and more than one in four men — have experienced sexual violence in their lifetime, and among those who have experienced sexual violence, nearly all have been victimized by a non-Indian. But as it stands now, if you are a member of a tribe, living in Indian Country and a non-Indian commits these crimes against you, your ability to seek justice in the courts is severely limited. The *Justice for Native Survivors of Sexual Violence Act* would allow tribes to pursue recourse when sexual violence, trafficking and stalking crimes are committed against native women and men.

“An alarming number of American Indians face sexual violence in their lifetime, and it’s frequently at the hands of non-Indians,” said Franken, a member of the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. “But because tribes lack jurisdiction over non-Indian offenders, criminals often go unprosecuted, unpunished and are free to commit more crimes. This is an epidemic that must be addressed, and one of the most important steps we can take is to give tribes more power to hold offenders accountable for these heinous acts. Our common sense, bipartisan legislation will help tribes address sexual violence in their communities in a meaningful way, and needs to be passed into law.”

Murkowski said, “Through the 2013 *Violence Against Women Act*, Congress granted the tribes limited authority to prosecute those who commit crimes of violence in Indian Country. The evidence suggests tribes are using these authorities responsibly and with great respect for the due process interests of offenders. But the 2013 legislation left significant gaps in the types of crimes that can be prosecuted. Those limitations stand as an obstruction to prosecute those who violently abuse our Native women. This legislation is a strong start at filling those gaps. It is my sincere hope enactment of this legislation

will make Indian Country safer for our Native women who have suffered unconscionable rates of abuse and violence.”

“Native victims of sexual

violence have been forgotten and ignored for too long. This legislation is an important step toward changing that, and we are grateful for Senator Franken and

Senator Murkowski’s work to ensure tribal governments have the authority and resources they need to address the devastating rates of sexual and domestic

violence against Native women,” said Jacqueline Pata, executive director at the National Congress of American Indians, which endorses the bill.

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MONDAY	MACKINAC ISLAND	7:00 PM	ST ANNE CATHOLIC CHURCH CORNER OF CHURCH AND MAIN ST	CLOSED Seasonal, May - October	LIGHTHOUSE KEEPERS GROUP
MONDAY	DETOUR	7:00 PM	WILDERNESS TABERNACLE CHURCH 777 N. CARIBOU LAKE RD.	CLOSED	DETOUR PASSAGE GROUP
MONDAY	RUDYARD	7:30 PM	ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH 11112 W. 3 RD STREET	CLOSED STEP STUDY 12&12	FRIENDS OF BILL W.
MONDAY	SAULT STE. MARIE	7:30 PM	COMMUNITY OF CHRIST CHURCH RM. 101 943 CEDAR CORNER AT GREENOUGH	OPEN BIG BOOK STUDY	CENTRAL GROUP
MONDAY	BAY MILLS	7:00 PM	TRIBAL OFFICES BASEMENT (KINGS CLUB CASINO)	CLOSED BIG BOOK STUDY	BAY MILLS GROUP
TUESDAY	SAULT STE MARIE	12:00 PM	PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 555 BINGHAM AVENUE	CLOSED STEP DISCUSSION	LOCK CITY GROUP
TUESDAY	SAINT IGNACE	7:00 PM	ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH 999 S STATE STREET	OPEN BIG BOOK STUDY	24 HOUR FELLOWSHIP GROUP
TUESDAY	BRIMLEY	7:30 PM	SUPERIOR TOWNSHIP HALL 7049 S. M-221 (ACROSS FROM SCHOOL)	CLOSED	LAKESHORE GROUP
TUESDAY	SAULT STE. MARIE	7:30 PM	COMMUNITY OF CHRIST CHURCH CORNER CEDAR & GREENOUGH	OPEN STEP STUDY	CENTRAL GROUP
TUESDAY	PARADISE	7:00 PM	UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 7087 NORTH M-123	CLOSED	PARADISE SNOWBIRDS GROUP
WEDNESDAY	CEDARVILLE	8:00 PM	BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH 217 NORTH M-129	CLOSED BIG BOOK STUDY Handicap accessible	LES CHENEAUX GROUP
WEDNESDAY	KINCHELOE	7:00 PM	CCSS BUILDING 4900 DAVIS CT. TURN AT POST OFFICE	CLOSED TRADITION MEETING	KINROSS SERENITY GROUP
WEDNESDAY	SAULT STE MARIE	7:00 PM	ST. ISAAC JOGUES CHURCH 1529 MARQUETTE AVE.	OPEN - BIG BOOK STUDY Handicap accessible	SUNLIGHT OF THE SPIRIT GROUP
THURSDAY	SAULT STE MARIE	12:00 PM	PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 555 BINGHAM AVENUE	CLOSED STEP DISCUSSION	LOCK CITY GROUP
THURSDAY	SAULT STE MARIE	7:00 PM	WESLEYAN CHURCH 3556 S. SEYMOUR ROAD	CLOSED STEP MEETING	12 & 12 PROGRESSIVE GROUP
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THURSDAY	BRIMLEY	7:30 PM	SUPERIOR TOWNSHIP HALL 7049 S. M-221	STEP MEETING-CLOSED OPEN SPEAKER LAST THUR	LAKESHORE GROUP
THURSDAY	DRUMMOND ISLAND	8:00 PM	ST. FLORENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH TOWNLINE ROAD	OPEN	DRUMMOND ISLAND GROUP
FRIDAY	BAY MILLS	12:00 PM	TRIBAL OFFICES BASEMENT KINGS CLUB CASINO	OPEN Big Book BEGINNERS Seasonal, May - October	BAY MILLS GROUP
FRIDAY	SAULT STE. MARIE	1:00 PM	ST ISAAC JOGUES CHURCH 1529 MARQUETTE AVE	CLOSED - SPEAKER DISCUSSION FOLLOWS	BOWETING GROUP
FRIDAY	MACKINAC ISLAND	7:00 PM	ST ANNE CATHOLIC CHURCH CORNER OF CHURCH AND MAIN ST	CLOSED Seasonal, May - October	LIGHTHOUSE KEEPERS GROUP
FRIDAY	RUDYARD	7:30 PM	ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH 11112 W. 3 RD STREET	OPEN (SPEAKER 3 RD FRIDAY)	FRIENDS OF BILL W.
FRIDAY	SAULT STE. MARIE	7:00PM	SALVATION ARMY CHURCH	OPEN - DISCUSSION Enter In Back Off Arlington	ONE DAY AT A TIME GROUP
SATURDAY	PARADISE	9:00 AM	UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 7087 NORTH M-123	OPEN	PARADISE SNOWBIRDS GROUP
SATURDAY	SAULT STE. MARIE	7:00 PM	PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 555 BINGHAM AVENUE ENTER FROM PARKING LOT	CLOSED Handicap accessible	LOCK CITY GROUP
SATURDAY	SAINT IGNACE	7:30 PM	399 McCANN STREET BY ATHLETIC FIELD	CLOSED	STRAITS AREA GROUP
SATURDAY	CEDARVILLE	8:00 PM	BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH 217 N. M-129 ON HILLTOP North of M-134	CLOSED Handicap accessible	LES CHENEAUX GROUP

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10:30 AM	CLOSED	TUESDAY	SAULT STE. MARIE	FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, ROOM 204, ACROSS FROM HOSPITAL E.R.
7:00 PM	OPEN	WEDNESDAY	KINCHELOE	CCSS BUILDING 4900 DAVIS CT. TURN NORTH AT POST OFFICE
7:30 PM	OPEN	THURSDAY	BRIMLEY	FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH CORNER M-221 & IRISH LINE RD

Donovan promotes solutions to prevent substance abuse

By **BRENDA AUSTIN**

The executive vice president of the non-profit Families Against Narcotics (FAN) Katie Donovan spoke to an audience at Lake Superior State University's Cisler Center of community members, health professionals and first responders Oct. 4 and 5 about community solutions for substance abuse prevention.

Donovan also serves on the Executive Committee for Operation Rx and is a national speaker and certified family recovery coach.

Chippewa County FAN Secretary Lynn Farnquist, said Donovan spoke about a program she helped organize called Hope, Not Handcuffs – which is similar to the Angel Program the Michigan State Police uses, and Operation RX. Farnquist said

both programs are collaborative efforts within the community to get churches, schools, medical personnel, law enforcement, and community leaders together to work on substance abuse issues. "Figures from WMH show that from Aug. 2016 to Aug. 2017 there were 134 overdose related visits to the ER, and we have babies born addicted who are being airlifted out of the Sault to Petoskey or Marquette at great expense because we don't have the facilities here to care for them," she said. "It's more than a law enforcement problem."

Donovan became an expert on substance abuse the hard way, after experiencing the addiction journey with her daughter, Brittany. This led her to dedicating her life to helping others find quality treatment for substance

abuse, coaching families through recovery and consulting for the treatment industry. Donovan and Brittany talk about their journey on a blog, located at: www.amothersaddictionjourney.com.

According to Donovan, addiction affects everyone in the community because of its impact on higher crime rates, fewer people paying taxes, a reliable employee shortage, more traffic accidents, fewer students graduating high school and college and more children lingering in the foster care system, among many others.

Families Against Narcotics and the Chippewa County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition sponsored the presentations. For more information, call FAN at (906) 635-1047, or visit them at: www.facebook.com/fanchipp.

Right, Katie Donovan at LSSU.



The executive vice president of Families Against Narcotics (FAN) Katie Donovan spoke to an audience at Lake Superior State University's Cisler Center about community solutions for substance abuse prevention.

Brother Hascall celebrates 50 years with church; parishes hold special dinner



Photos by Barbara Dietz

Filled to capacity with 400 people, Sault Tribe's Naaganiigiizhik Ceremonial Building was the site where three parishes celebrated Brother John Hascall's 50th year with the church. Priests from all over the diocese attended. During mass, Br. Hascall gave a rare plenary indulgence forgiving all sins. He played the guitar and sang during the service, and sang with the Native drum group. Br. Hascall, 76, was ordained as a Order of Friars Minor Capuchin and has traveled throughout the country. St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church, St. Kateri in Bay Mills and Holy Family Church in Barbeau organized the Oct. 21 celebration with a huge spread of homemade food. Don't look for Br. Hascall to retire anytime soon — he said he is still at the forefront pushing "to bring our people forward."

Carr becomes new executive director for UTFAV coalition

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — Michigan's tribal domestic violence and sexual abuse coalition, Uniting Three Fires Against Violence, announces the selection of our new executive director, Rachel Carr, MSW.

Carr accepted the position in late September, replacing Lori Jump. She has been employed with Uniting Three Fires Against Violence in the capacity of a policy specialist since November of 2014.

Prior to her employment with Uniting Three Fires, Carr worked as a victim advocate for the Advocacy Resource Center. She recently completed the Master of Social Work Program with Michigan State University, and graduated in the spring of 2017. She also worked as a youth worker at the Sault Tribe Lodge of Bravery before working during her college years with the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center Summer Youth Program.

"Family upbringing and connection to the tribe has resulted in my desire to continue serving not only our Sault Tribe community, but also the larger tribal community across the state," said Carr.

She is a citizen of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and resides in Sault Ste. Marie with her partner, Gordy,



Rachel Carr

and their four children.

Uniting Three Fires Against Violence is a statewide domestic violence and sexual assault coalition serving the 12 federally recognized tribes in Michigan, according to Carr. It is a non-profit organization established in 2009. Its purpose is to provide training, technical assistance and resources to enhance tribal responses to domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, dating violence and sex trafficking.

For more information about Uniting Three Fires Against Violence, please contact us at (906) 253-9775 or email Rachel Carr at rcarr@utfav.org.

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Design competition on for National Native American Veterans Memorial in Washington

BY RICK SMITH

The Smithsonian Institution National Museum of the American Indian opened an international competition on Nov. 11 to seek designs for the National Native American Veterans Memorial.

The memorial is planned to occupy a place on the grounds of the museum between the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum and the nation's Capitol Building at the eastern end of the National Mall in Washington, D.C. The competition is open to all, especially students, architects, artists, designers

and veterans.

"We invite you to participate in this historic moment — for our country, for veterans, and for the Native American communities whose loyalty and passion have helped make America what it is today," Kevin Gover, director of the National Museum of the American Indian, states on the museum's web site.

The first stage of the competition is an open call for folks to submit designs and closes on Jan. 9, 2018. The second stage involves finalists who wish to make any refinements on their designs. Afterwards, a jury of

American Indians and others in fields associated with building memorials will select a winning design. Members of the jury will also include American Indian veterans.

No deadline is specified for the jury's decision, but the museum is scheduled to open to the public in 2020. More information about the competition can be found at <https://nmai.si.edu/nnavm/>.

According to the web site, American Indians have participated in all major U.S. military encounters from the Revolutionary War through today's conflicts in the Middle

East. Contributions by American Indians have saved lives, enabled our country's victories and exemplified the courage that defines American patriotism. Yet they remain unrecognized by any prominent landmark in our nation's capital.

The web site adds, as a symbol of the country's respect for Native Americans' sacrifice and patriotism, support from American Indian communities and organizations, including the collaboration with the National Congress of American Indians and tribal leaders, major corporations, defense contractors, veterans and private

citizens is crucial to the memorial project's success. Congress does not allow federal funding for the design or construction of the memorial.

Those interested in becoming involved with the project or making donations can find out how at <https://nmai.si.edu/nnavm/>.

While there, folks can also sign up for updates on the project, see a list of supporting tribal nations and organizations along with finding Department of Defense statistical figures and anecdotal highlights on American Indian military involvement.

Kewadin Casinos announces start of Valor Card program, seeking photos and memorabilia from veterans for remembrance display

BY RICK SMITH

Kewadin Casinos recently announced the start of the Valor Cards program as a courtesy to United States and Canadian military veterans, police, firefighters and emergency medical technicians, whether on active duty, retired or honorably discharged. The program opened on Nov. 11 and anyone who shows proof of

service is eligible to receive a Valor Card. Proof of service can be in the form of identification cards, discharge papers, veteran status indicated on Michigan driver's licenses or the new federal veterans identification cards due to become available in November of 2017.

Valor Cards carry the same benefits of Gold Cards. Any Valor

Card member who is currently a Black Card member retains Black Card benefits. Holders of Black and Gold cards are entitled to an array complimentary services and offers at the casinos.

A Kewadin spokesperson said the Valor Cards were developed to recognize U.S. and Canadian active and retired military, police, firefighter and medic customers.

Further, the folks at Kewadin Sault are creating a wall to recognize and honor Sault Tribe members and employees who are veterans. The wall will be developed in the art gallery of the casino featuring veterans' photos from current times or from their times in service. The casino's Marketing Department invites any member or employee who is

a veteran to consider providing a photo.

In addition, the tribute is going to feature a display case for veteran's items people would like to donate or display.

Anyone who would like to contribute photos or showcase displays should call the Kewadin Marketing Department at (906) 635-4698.

Military veterans can get new federal identification cards online

BY RICK SMITH

It appears all U.S. military veterans will soon have handy veteran identification cards available to show their status as veterans without exposing sensitive personal information such as social security numbers and other details. Up until now, only veterans who retired from military ser-

vice or enrolled in the VA patient system for service connected disabilities were eligible for federal identification cards.

U.S. House Resolution 91, the Veterans Identification Card Act, was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Barack Obama in 2015.

Representative Vern Buchanan

of Florida sponsored the act.

"Every veteran — past, present, and future — will now be able to prove their military service without the added risk of identity theft," Buchanan said in an announcement last month. "These ID cards will make life a little bit easier for our veterans and serve as a constant reminder that our

brave men and women in uniform deserve all the care and respect a grateful nation can offer."

While the law allows the VA to collect a fee for the cards, Buchanan stated official identification cards will be available to all veterans free of charge by visiting the VA website at www.va.gov. A veteran ordering a card

online must upload a copy of a valid government issued identification such as a driver's license or passport, copy of a recent photograph of the veteran for placement on the card and provide service details. The card is then sent directly to the veteran.

Learn more online by visiting www.va.gov

"Savanna's Act" would counter violence against Native females

BY RICK SMITH

U.S. Senator Heidi Heitkamp recently introduced legislation to counter violence against American Indian women and girls, especially murder and disappearances.

"Native women and girls face a crisis of exploitation, violence and murder," Heitkamp said in announcing Savanna's Act. "We must take action to protect them as I've long been working to do."

The bill is named after Savanna LaFontaine-Greywind, a 22-year-old Dakota Sioux woman of the Spirit Lake Tribe of North

Dakota who was eight months pregnant when she disappeared last August; her body was recovered eight days later and her death was attributed to "homicidal violence." Somehow, her infant survived and was later found in the custody of the primary suspects in her murder case.

The bill mainly calls for closer consultation with tribes by the U.S. attorney general as well as the departments of the Interior and Health and Human Services to make improvements in four areas: tribal access to federal crime information; tribal access

to local, regional and crime information along with criminal justice information; standardized protocols for responding to cases; and an annual report to Congress to include statistics on missing and murdered American Indian women and recommendations on improving the collection of information.

According to a fact sheet on Savanna's Act, the National Congress of American Indians passed a resolution, *Addressing Crisis of Missing and Murdered Native Women*, calling for improved law enforcement and

justice protocols between Indian Country, federal and state agencies to improve responses to disappearances or murders of American Indian women and girls.

Statistics show 5,712 cases of missing Indian women were reported in 2016 to the National Crime Information Center. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported homicide is the leading cause of death among Indian females from ages 10 to 24 years and the fifth leading cause of death among those aged between 25 to 34 years. Indian

women in some tribal communities experience murder rates more than 10 times the national average and are twice as likely to experience rape or other violent crimes in their lives.

Heitkamp has played a role in protecting Indian Country girls and women since 2013, when she led a hearing on human trafficking focusing on Indian Country and since has pushed several legislative actions against human trafficking. She also directed the attention of federal agencies and officials to the issue through letters and tours in Indian Country.

Woodstove users wanted to assess need for home heating program

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — Robin Bouschor, air quality specialist for the Sault Tribe Environmental Department, is asking for Sault Tribe members in the tribe's service area to participate in an assessment on the need for a tribal woodstove change-out program.

The service area for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians consists of the seven easter counties in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, namely Chippewa County, Mackinac County, Luce County, Schoolcraft County, Alger County, Delta County and Marquette County.

"A woodstove change out program helps communities

reduce air pollution by providing consumers with financial help to replace older, smoky woodstoves or wood heating appliances, with clean efficient new heating appliances that will give more heat with less wood," explained Bouschor.

Essentially, Bouschor seeks information from members about their woodstoves. Those who would like to participate in the assessment should call the Sault Tribe Environmental Department at (906) 632-5575 and ask for Robin Bouschor, email rbouschor1@saulttribe.net or stop by the department at 206 Greenough Street in Sault Ste. Marie. Participants will be provided

with a short, confidential questionnaire, which can be done by voice over the phone or sent electronically by email, via postal mail or by fax.

"I am gathering this information to assess whether or not the Sault Tribe could qualify for a woodstove change out program, said Bouschor.

She advised those who may have unsuccessfully tried to contact her earlier this year about their woodstoves should try again. "I apologize," she said, "I was laid off work due to the grant I was working on ending. I am back now and encourage you to reach out to me again, please."



VanSnepson article wins Native journalists award

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Sault Tribe member Brittany VanSnepson, 27, was recently awarded third place in the Native American Journalist Association's (NAJA) Best Feature Story category during the National Native Media Awards Banquet in Anaheim, Calif., at the Excellence in Journalism Conference.

VanSnepson is employed by the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi in Holt Mich., and works for their tribal magazine, the Turtle Press as a communications specialist and interim production manager.

VanSnepson said, "Out of over 700 highly qualified candidates, a panel of over 20 news-savvy judges chose an article I wrote for the Turtle Press among the top three! I am so unbelievably proud of this and even more so blessed for working for a tribe that gives

me so many wonderful opportunities."

Her winning article was the first event she wrote about after being hired by the tribe and is titled: *An Orchard Outing Adventure*.

"My story was about a happy outing and how the NHBP tribal community reaches out to its tribal members with fun activities through their Healthy Play Date Program, which I believe is a grant to help children eight and younger develop good learning skills at an early age," she said.

VanSnepson, a NAJA member, said her supervisor was going to send her to the NAJA Excellence in Journalism Conference and asked her if she would like to submit any of her articles for review to be nominated for a national Native Media Award. "I submitted two of my articles and

we found out three months later I was one of three candidates chosen for best feature story. I flew out to California to accept the award. I was a great honor because I had never been around so many Native Americans who are journalists," she said.

VanSnepson has a bachelor of arts double major in communications and English writing and has been working in the publishing industry for more than 10 years.

She said working for the Turtle Press is completely different from other publishing positions she has held. In addition to enjoying her work, she said she is learning more about Native culture as well. "I feel like I give words to the voice of Native peoples by publishing their stories. For example, I cover stories that are fun loving to heavier ones such as domestic violence," she said.



Brittany VanSnepson displays her award from the Native American Journalists Association for best feature story during the 2017 Excellence in Journalism Conference in Anaheim, Calif.

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for Kristi (Mauris) Madigan

A spaghetti dinner fundraiser will be held Nov. 18 from 4-8 p.m. at the Elk's Lodge, 1111 E. Portage Avenue, Sault Ste. Marie Dinner will include: Spaghetti, meatballs, salad, garlic bread, dessert and drink. Take-outs will be available. Adults - \$10; Children under 10 - \$7

Silent Auction, Raffles/Door Prizes, 50/50 drawing

Contact: Kari O'Gorman (906) 322-0008 or Lisa

Cryderman (906) 440-0708

Kristi Madigan recently had a liver transplant and we are trying to raise money to help her and her family defray travel expenses and any other type of expenses they may incur during this time. Any donations will be greatly appreciated. Kristi worked for Sault Tribe for many years and her husband, Ryan Madigan, is still employed with Sault Tribe.



All-In-One Fitness holds open house

All-In-One Fitness Club at Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center in Sault Ste. Marie hosted an open house on Oct. 18 with giveaways, prizes and samples. Visitors to the all-day event were welcomed to try out the facilities and treated to a yoga sampler. Membership specials were also

offered.

Bobbi Paquin won an All-In-One Fitness performance shirt, Adrianna Gunderson received a 10-punch class pass and personal training prizes went to Dale Cryderman, Gail Nesberg and Tammy Graham. Tom Moran won the six-month membership and Gail Nesberg, pictured below with Fitness Center Supervisor

Josh Firack, took the grand prize, a one-year membership.

All-In-One Fitness thanks everyone who joined them for the open house. "Thank you all for letting us serve you and help you reach your fitness goals and congratulations again to all our winners," said Josh Firack.

Call the Fitness Club at 635-4935 for more information.

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Community Health Access Coalition in partnership with Sault Tribe health services offers free health care assistance.

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Events are scheduled in St. Ignace Dec. 5 and Dec. 13.

Open enrollment: Medicare, Oct. 15-Dec. 7; marketplace, Nov. 1-Dec. 15; policies begin on Jan. 1, 2018.

Call today for your appointment: Sault, 635-7483; Newberry, 293-8355 and St. Ignace, 643-7253.



Fitness Center Supervisor Josh Firack with Gail Nesberg, who won the grand prize, a one-year membership.

Tribal business acquisition complete



SAULT STE. MARIE—The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians is now owner and operator of Mackinac Trail Storage located at the intersection of M-134 and Mackinac Trail in Mackinac County. The 18-unit facility is currently full, but the Sault Tribe EDC is maintaining a waiting list for units if you are interested. The Sault Tribe Board of

Directors has also approved a plan to move forward with construction of storage units outside of Sault Ste Marie in the near future. This development will add 16 units, including six large units with 18-foot doors to accommodate RVs and larger boats, stay tuned for availability announcements! The Sault Tribe EDC continues a three-prong approach on

behalf of the board of directors looking to create infrastructure to facilitate business development, pursuing investment opportunities (such as this storage acquisition) to provide the tribe with diverse revenue streams and the development of support systems for member-owned businesses. Feel free to contact the EDC at jschultz@saulttribe.net.

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Turning the Tides: Navigating political candidates' positions on protecting sacred water

BY TYLER THEEL

This article will provide information on candidates in coming elections for Sault Tribe members concerned about the risks posed by Enbridge's Line 5 Pipeline (L5P) that runs through the Straits of Mackinac.

As mentioned previously in the this series, the Canadian-based company continues to operate L5P in violation of the 1953 easement. Violations include (1) large gaps in the pipeline's outer coating leaving pipeline vulnerable to rupturing; (2) insufficient anchor supports under the straits which warped the pipeline, making it vulnerable to rupturing; (3) pipeline was built to operate safely for 50 years — it has been operating in violation of this warranty for 14 years; (4) false reporting of pipeline structure to state and federal officials.

Moreover, Enbridge has a poor track record on pipeline safety, especially when it comes to water-based spills. The company has spilled 7.5 million gallons of oil in the past 14 years (over a half million gallons per year on average). The 2010 Kalamazoo River spill is the most prominent display of the company's negligence. It is estimated that Line 6B leaked over 1 million gallons when it ruptured. The easement violations of L5P feature similar conditions that are attributed as causes of the massive Line 6B spill. Researchers at University of Michigan estimate that a spill in the Straits of Mackinac would cost \$10 billion to clean up, not including the devastating effects it would have on the environment, natural resources, local economies, and tribal members way of life.

Candidates are rated by their likeliness to decommission L5P — the higher their score the more likely to decommission, and the lower their score the less likely to decommission.

Attorney general of Michigan (AG)

The Michigan AG has the authority to litigate against violations to state law and contracts including the 1953 Easement Agreement with Enbridge. The AG has the authority to immediately decommission the portion of the pipeline going through the Straits, which is under Michigan's jurisdiction, and therefore the AG has the legal authority to halt the pipeline in its entirety. The current AG Bill Schuette will be termed out of the office by 2018, and has not litigated against Enbridge's ongoing violation of the easement since elected in 2010.

Attorney general candidates - 2018

Dana Nessel (D) – Michigan civil rights attorney ■■■■■

Nessel is a prominent civil rights attorney who led the campaign to legalize same-sex marriage in Michigan. Nessel has named shutting down L5P as her first priority if elected as Attorney General.

Pat Miles (D) – Former U.S. attorney general ■■■■■

Miles served as the U.S. attorney general during the Obama



administration and voiced shutting down L5P as a main priority if elected as Michigan attorney general.

Tonya Schuitmaker (R) – State senator, attorney, ex-state representative ■■■■■

Schuitmaker is one of five sponsors of Michigan Senate Bill 0800 - 2016. The bipartisan bill "prohibits any new underwater oil pipelines in Great Lakes waters." In supporting the bipartisan senate bill, Schuitmaker is the only candidate who has taken action against Enbridge's easement violation.

KEY TO CANDIDATES' L5P SCORE

- Not likely to decommission L5P
- Somewhat unlikely to decommission L5P
- Neutral
- Somewhat likely to decommission L5P
- Very likely to decommission L5P

Additionally, if the bill is passed, "existing pipeline operators would have to submit a detailed risk analysis of their pipelines to the state Department of Environmental Quality within 90 days, and shut them down if the agency deems that 'public trust' would be 'impaired' by leaving them open." Therefore, Enbridge would likely have to shut down L5P provided the studies conducted on the pipeline structure showed impairment of the public trust.

Tom Leonard (R) — State House speaker, attorney ■■

Leonard states that we cannot "have a knee jerk reaction to shut it down now. The most responsible way is to ultimately replace this line." In his statement, it is uncertain when replacement timeline would be (if at all) and it is implied that the pipeline would continue through the Straits.

Governor candidates - 2018

Gretchen Whitmer (D) – former Ingham County prosecutor/minority leader Michigan Senate ■■■■■

In an interview conducted at University of Michigan, Whitmer said the state has been lagging on water policy despite its importance to our state economy, adding, "I would be in favor of, yes, decommissioning Line 5." Whitmer also had a prominent role in addressing the water infrastructure harming Flint residents.

Abdul El-Sayed (D) – former executive director of the Detroit Department of Health and Wellness Promotion ■■■■■

El-Sayed states that shutting down L5P would be a priority. In reference to the Flint Water Crisis, he added "we shouldn't be putting our money in infrastructure that empowers a system of energy production that ultimately boils stuff into the air, that we

then have to breathe that gives our kids asthma and ruins our climate."

Shri Thanedar (D) – Scientist/entrepreneur ■■■■

Thanedar has cited L5P as a major threat to Michigan's economy and environment, and then went on to support decommissioning L5P if elected governor. However, Thanedar lacks the public office experience shared by Whitmer and El-Sayed and therefore may be less effective in passing legislation.

Geoffrey Fieger (D) – Personal injury attorney ■■■

Fieger has flirted with a gubernatorial run since the '90s when he ultimately lost to Republican nominee, John Engler. Fieger has not made any statements on L5P. However, Fieger is a member of the Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council who endorses the decommissioning of L5P.

Bill Schuette (R) – Current attorney general of Michigan ■

Current AG Bill Schuette called for a timeline to shut down

L5P after reviewing an independent study on the pipeline deterioration and environmental risks. He also called upon the state legislature to pass a law to prohibit tar sands and heavy crude oil to be transported through the Straits. Critics have pointed out that Bill Schuette has used strong rhetoric against the pipeline, yet has not used his power as the attorney general to file suit against the pipeline in accordance to Enbridge's on-going violation of the 1953 easement. Schuette's call for a new law to be passed by state legislature is not necessary to pursue legal action against Enbridge since the company has already violated (and continues to violate) existing law.

Recently, Schuette called for an underground pipeline to be built under the Straits rather than on the lakebed. The proposal calls for the construction of an underground pipeline and delaying any shutdown of the L5P until

the new portion of pipeline is constructed – which would take several years and does not address potential spills along the 100+ mile stretch of Lake Michigan. In doing so, his intent is for the pipeline to continue operating indefinitely at the risk of the Great Lakes system.

Patrick Colbeck (R), state S senator ■

Senator Colbeck has a poor voting record on conservation issues with a 37% rate of favoring conservation bills. Moreover, the senator has not sponsored any conservation bills in recent years or made any comment on L5P.

U.S. senators - 2018 and 2020 (respectively)

Debbie Stabenow (D) ■■■■■

Gary Peters (D) ■■■■■

U.S. Senators of Michigan, Gary Peters and Debbie Stabenow, both Democrats, introduced a senate bill in September 2017. If passed, it would require an assessment of the current status of oil spill response plans in the Great Lakes and force federal officials to consider expanded new criteria for identifying areas where spills could present an additional environmental risk, requiring higher standards for pipelines in those areas, including across the Great Lakes basin.

US House of Representatives (D-1) - 2018

Incumbent Jack Bergman (R) ~ U.S. House Representative, District 1 of Michigan ■

When asked about L5P in 2016 Bergman said he would take a stance in relation with pipeline safety data. In September 2017 Bergman responded, "If [the pipeline] is safe, keep it that way and keep it inspected. If it's not, shut it down." However, the safety and environmental impacts reports had already been conducted and shown the high-risk of a pipeline rupture with devastating economic/environmental impact indicating it is "not safe." Upon being informed of research in October he deflected by stating, "You're getting a perspective of a nine-month congressman. Not nine years, but nine months

– everything I am seeing is for the first time." In his on-going ignorance to research on the pipeline, Bergman is tacitly endorsing the status quo in favor of allowing the pipeline to operate.

Dwight Brady (D) ~ College professor, ex-journalist ■■

When asked for his stance on LP5 Brady stated, "I think often times; issues like Line 5 can be emotionally charged...we've forgotten the art of the deal. We have this winner-takes-all mentality towards politics."

Certainly it is important to compromise on policy, especially in determining budgets involving numerous opposing interests. However, his statements fail to recognize the shared threat to all Michigan residents posed by L5P and the State's authority to decommission the pipeline in the interest of all state residents. Moreover, Brady failed to elaborate on which position he would advocate in the deal-making process.

State Senate of Michigan (D-37) - 2018

Incumbent Sen. Wayne Schmidt (R) ■

Schmidt received a low rating from the League of Conservation Voters and has not taken action, made remarks, or taken stances on L5P located in his district.

State House of Michigan (D-107) - 2018

Incumbent Rep. Lee Chatfield (R) ■

In February, Chatfield remarked that L5P was a federal issue. The representative was then informed that Michigan has jurisdiction over the 5 miles of pipeline under the Straits according to the 1953 Easement. As such, the Governor and AG can effectively shut down the flow of oil by closing off the Straits. In response, Chatfield maintained the pipeline shutdown is under federal jurisdiction. The lack of knowledge, acknowledgement (or comprehension) of the law, or commitment to a stance is concerning provided that the Straits are located in Chatfield's district.

Soo Lakers win Boo in the Soo tourney



Photo by Lisa Corbiere Moran

Soo Lakers Squirt AA/The Wicked Sister won the "Boo in the Soo" Tourney Oct. 22. The team defeated Soo Source for Sports 7-5 and Houghton 5-2. They lost to Soo Atom Selects 2-3 and Community First Wild 3-6. They were 2-2 and made it to the championship game where they defeated Soo Atoms Select 3-2. Pictured are (in front, L-R) goalies Dalton Hoonstra, Casey Engle, (kneeling in front L-R) Korsen Pace, Nick Wood, (standing L-R) Cameron Gagnom, Evan Kennedy, Treyce Moran, Matthew McKinney, Gage Greeley, Joshua Gurnoe, Grady Hartman, Jackson Sober, Drew Fabry, Jacob Goodrich, Jarret Crimin, Eddie Bowers and coaches (back, L-R) Dan Crimin, head coach Chuck Fabry, Rodney Wilcox and Bill Smith.

Tribal youth council hosts Halloween party

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribal Youth Council presented a family Halloween party on Oct. 30 at the Chi Mukwa volleyball court. Area youth were invited to wear their costumes and participate in games and spooktacular crafts from 6 to 8 p.m.



Photos by Brenda Austin
Michael McKerchie (Frankenstein) with kids Lucas, 8, and Ella McKerchie, 11.



Sue and Bill Tobias with grandchildren MaLayah Tobias, 5, and Libby Tobias (back center), 11, with friend JayLynn Hammonds, 10.



Anna Lawson and Hazle King



Temperance Gardner, 3, gets her face painted.



Back left to right, Sam Gardner Jr., Sam Gardner III, 2, mom Katrina Gardner, Jasmine Gardner, 10, Elizabeth Gardner (front), 7, and Temperance Gardner, 3.



Khaleesi Miller, 4, Erin McDonald Miller, Stevie Miller, 2, grandmother April McDonald and Noah McDonald (back).

JKL School has hayride for kids

Photos submitted by Susan Solomon



JKL Bahweting School students were recently treated to a hay ride in front of the school pulled by a tractor.



Back left to right: Jasmine Gardner, Katrina Gardner, Sam Gardner III, 2, Sam Gardner Jr., Elizabeth Gardner, 7, and Temperance Gardner, 3 in front.



Elizabeth Eggert and son Ethan, 11.



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Instructors Bernadette and Roger Azavado

Bernadette and Roger Azavado started teaching how to make black ash baskets in the early '80s and held classes for the tribe in the Sault, St. Ignace, Hessel, and Newberry. Roger said a few decades went by before they were invited to teach at the Mary Murray Culture Camp on Sugar Island, and then about six years ago they were also invited to teach at the tribe's cultural library. "This is a dying art and its not being carried on because it takes so much work to do it," Roger said. "You have to go out in the woods, cut the tree down, take the bark off and pound it. So we made basket kits and brought them here to teach others how to make the baskets and maybe teach someone else who will carry it on. You can't buy them at the store. Bernadette and I each have about 10 hours of labor to provide the material for participants to have a basket so they didn't have to do it. Its difficult for an elder to hand them an axe and a knife and tell them to cut a tree down and pound the bark. That last class we taught here in this room - Josh Homminga and Sarah Bedell were students and they are now teaching others how to do it. They are the only ones in all those years that are carrying it on," he said.



Joanne Carr's basket, also seen below.



Native language instructor Shirley Recollet said she took the class so she would be able to teach the children how to make them.



Sisters Joanne Carr (left) and Carol Montie learning together.



Community Health technician Debbie McCord of Hessel greeted those arriving at the health and wellness fair in Sault Ste. Marie on Oct. 4. The fairs feature numerous points of interest in promoting good health.



Sault Tribe Community Health staff facilitated information tables, provided health screenings and performed a number of other tasks to help others in learning about solid foundations for good health.

Community Health staff conduct annual health fairs

Photos by Rick Smith

By RICK SMITH

The folks of Sault Tribe Community Health conducted the annual autumn health fairs in St. Ignace, Sault Ste. Marie and Hessel from Sept. 13 to Oct. 4. The 2017 Harvest Your Health fairs featured farmers' markets; free flu shots for Sault Tribe members, family affiliates and employees; a variety of demonstrations, screenings and information.

The St. Ignace fair took place on Sept. 13 at the Little Bear Recreation Center. The fair in Hessel was conducted on Sept. 28 at the tribal center. In Sault Ste. Marie, the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center served to facilitate the fair.

Attendees also enjoyed a complimentary light lunches and chances on grand prizes.

The fairs were started about 10 years ago and appear to be growing in features and popularity as time goes on. "We have seen such growth in the health fairs with attendance increasing each year," said Jenni O'Dell, supervising nurse for Sault Tribe Community Health.

O'Dell described the fairs as educational and interactive productions designed to increase health awareness through medical screenings, activities, materials and demonstrations for the communities in which they take place.



Visitors peruse information at table displays with help of staff.



Neal Sage of the Clark Township Volunteer Ambulance Corps offered information about the corps lifesaving partnership with MiResCu.



Community Health technician Tom Sauro checks the blood pressure and blood sugar for Russ Payment.



Staff prepare for healthful food preparation demonstrations and a talk.



A view of the farmers' market at the Sault fair.



A pair of ladies learn about the Advocacy Resource Center in the Sault.



Community Health nurse Devin Krause administers a flu inoculation for Franklin Brown as he braces for "a little poke."

Could you be a foster parent?

Anishnaabek Community and Family Services (ACFS) is in need of caring individuals who can provide a safe and nurturing home environment for children who have been placed out of their home due to abuse or neglect. Foster care is founded on the premise that all children have the right to physical care, educational, emotional and cultural nurturance. Interested becoming a foster parent? Contact ACFS at (906) 632-5250 or toll free (800) 726-0093.

FAN annual Hogs for Hope event successful



Sault Tribe Behavioral Health medical social worker Lane Barber and Speciality Court coordinator for Tribal Court Pat McKelvie selling 50/50 tickets.

The fifth annual Hogs for Hope pulled pork dinner fundraiser supporting Families Against Narcotics (FAN) took place Oct. 21. There was a 50/50 draw, bake sale, live bands, silent auction, face painting and more.



Bahweting School drum group Ogimooa-Minisinoo.



FAN volunteer Lisa Moran, Deb Beamish and Tom Teeple manning a table at the event.



Sault Tribe officers Robert Sayles (left) and Carson Duffy, with Sault Tribal Court probation officer Ryan Wilson (center).



Malcolm High School Native American advisor Robert McRorie.



Sault Tribe Chief Judge Jocelyn Fabry and her daughter Emeree.

FAN says thanks!

“Every one of us at FAN is so grateful to all the people who helped make this year’s Hogs for Hope fundraiser a success, and we are so humbled by the generosity of our community. How do we thank so many?! Whether you were a sponsor, helped with set-up, clean-up, organizing, advertising, roasting, sign making, baking for the bake sale, decorating, hauling, shopping, ticket selling, food prep, donating to (or bidding in) our silent auction, providing music, coordinating things, serving folks, providing prizes for kids, taking pictures, cheering us on, or just joined us for a great day, YOU made this the success it was. We

cannot possibly thank you enough but sincerely hope you know how much your contribution is appreciated. We are amazed at the local support we have received in our efforts to educate the community about addiction and rid the stigma of this destructive, non-discriminating disease. This speaks volumes about the devastation that drug abuse in our community has had on many people’s lives and families, and also about the willingness of our community to come together to do something about this issue. Thank you for your continuing support!”
— Lynn Farnquist

Photos by Christine Lundquist and Lynn Farnquist



Silent auction tables - Pat McKelvie and Christin Hatch helped with the 50/50 draw.



Tom Teeple and Deb Beamish manning a table.



Drum group Ogimooa-Minisinoo from JKL Bahweting School opened the event. They have participated in the Hogs for Hope event for the past four years.



Sault Tribe officers Robert Sayles and Carson Duffy with LSSU student and assistant director of Housing and diversity officer Derric Knight, (back left) and probation officer Ryan Wilson, worked non-stop during the event. Other great help came from the Boys and Girls Club, Women’s New Hope, the Alpha Kappa Chi sorority, and Superior Insurance, just to name a few.



FAN volunteers Lisa Moran (left), and Carol Farnish with Hogs for Hope participants Hulda Moran (right) and Meme McLeod.

Medical Imaging gets new 3D mammography system

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

The Sault Tribe Health Center Medical Imaging Department has a new state-of-the-art Hologic 3D Mammography system.

The Genius 3D Mammography exam is powered by C-View software, which generates 2D images without additional exposure in a 3.7 second scan. The x-ray tube continuously sweeps in a 15-degree arc to acquire a series of low dose projection images at multiple angles. The projections are then reconstructed into a 3D image. This type of 3D exam is only available on the new machine purchased by the health center. A 2D mammography image can also be acquired through direct exposure.

According to product literature, this is the only mammogram

FDA approved for women who have dense breasts. “Our previous mammography unit needed to be replaced so we purchased the Hologic Selenia Dimensions 3D mammography System,” Michele Bickham, RT(R)(M), Sault Tribe Medical Imaging Department supervisor, said. “We are excited to offer 3D mammography imaging to our eligible patients at the health center, as it allows the radiologists to view the breast tissue in a 3D dimension. It is especially beneficial for women with dense breasts and provides a clinically superior mammogram.”

Using the Genius 3D Mammography exam has allowed health care professionals to detect 41 per percent more invasive breast cancers compared to 2D alone. The 3D exam also reduc-

es patient callbacks by up to 40 percent and is covered by most major insurance plans.

Bickham added, “The design of the unit, with its flexing compression paddle, is also more comfortable for the patient. The majority of the women we have imaged thus far have remarked that it is more comfortable.”

Both technologists are registered with the ARRT in Mammography and are an FDA and ACR Mammography Accredited Facility. Just in the past 10 months they have helped diagnose nine breast cancers, Bickham said.

Visit mygenius3d.com for more information about the Hologic 3D Mammography system.



Michele Bickham, RT(R)(M), Sault Tribe Medical Imaging Department supervisor with the Hologic 3D Mammography system.

Community Health staff help ward off flu season again

BY RICK SMITH

Staff of Sault Tribe Community Health conducted the annual flu inoculation clinics from Sept. 18 to Nov. 8 in Escanaba, Sault Ste. Marie, St. Ignace, Hessel, DeTour-Drummond area, Marquette, Munising and Newberry.

In all, staff provided 37 days for folks in those areas to get flu vaccinations, which were free for Sault Tribe members and \$10 for all others.

While most of the vaccinations took place at tribal health centers on designated days, vaccinations were also made available at Community Health wellness fairs, the Drummond Island Township Hall, DeTour Municipal Hall, Hessel casino, Nokomis/Mishomis Building, Kinross Recreation Center, Sault

casino, Enji Maawanji'iding or McCann Building, Little Bear East and the Mackinac Island Medical Center.

In addition to all of the days set aside especially for providing flu inoculations, many members received flu vaccinations in the course of routine medical appointments at tribal facilities. Members who haven't received flu vaccinations yet may still do so by calling the nearest Community Health offices for appointments.

As of press time, over 500 flu shots were administered at clinics conducted in Sault Ste. Marie, Manistique, Munising and Escanaba, total counts for St. Ignace, Newberry, and Hessel were incomplete as clinics continued and totals for Marquette and Hessel were not available.



Photo by Rick Smith

Community Health registered nurses, from left, Roberta Hoffman and Rebecca Gordon, administer flu vaccinations to Connie Linn and Ronald Alphonse at the first of five flu clinics conducted in the Sault area from Oct. 18 to Nov. 1.

Michigan awards 125 schools MI HEARTSafe designation

JKL Anishinabe Bahweting Public School Academy among recognized Sault area schools prepared to respond to cardiac emergencies, among 125 schools so designated in Michigan

LANSING, Mich. – The Michigan Departments of Health and Human Services, and Education, American Heart Association, Michigan High School Athletic Association, and Michigan Alliance for Prevention of Sudden Cardiac Death of the Young awarded 125 schools in Michigan with the MI HEARTSafe School designation on Oct. 11, which recognizes schools prepared to respond to cardiac emergencies.

“Sudden cardiac death of a young person is tragic and some of these events can be prevented with fast, appropriate medical response within three to five minutes” said Dr. Eden Wells, chief medical executive of MDHHS. “It is always wonderful to see communities come together to help prepare schools to respond to these medical emergencies.”

In all, 10 school earned the designation in Chippewa County: Joseph K Lumsden Bahweting Anishnabe PSA, Lincoln Elementary, Malcolm High School, Rudyard Elementary School, Rudyard High/Middle School, Sault Area Middle School, Sault Area High School and Career Center, Soo Township Elementary, Washington Elementary and Whitefish Township Community

Schools.

Other schools in the Sault Tribe service area that earned the distinction are the Bark River-Harris High School (2016-2019) in Delta County along with Lakeview Elementary School, Negaunee Middle School and Negaunee High School in Marquette County.

In order for a school to receive a MI HEARTSafe School designation, it must perform at least one cardiac emergency response drill per year.

Other requirements for the state recognition include having a written medical emergency response plan and team, current cardiopulmonary resuscitation and automated external defibrillator (CPR/AED), certification of at least 10 percent of staff and 50 percent of coaches including 100 percent of head varsity coaches and 100 percent of physical education staff; accessible, properly maintained and inspected AEDs with signs identifying their locations and ensure pre-participation sports screening of all student athletes using the current physical and history form endorsed by the MHSAA.

Since the launch of the MI HEARTSafe program in 2014, at least three people who suffered sudden cardiac arrest are known to have been successfully

resuscitated at schools that were preparing for or had recently submitted a MI HEARTSafe application.

This is the fourth year of the MI HEARTSafe Schools pro-

gram in Michigan.

The designation lasts for three years and, this year, 22 schools received their second MI HEARTSafe award.

In the first three years of

the initiative, 266 schools were designated as MI HEARTSafe Schools and thus better prepared to help reduce the number of sudden cardiac deaths in our youth.

Community Health batch cooking class



Photo by Brenda Austin

Community Health registered dietitians hosted a batch cooking class on Oct. 26 in the new USDA approved kitchen of the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center. Participants prepared, cooked and sampled English muffin bread, shredded beef enchiladas, shredded beef steak sandwiches, turkey meatball shawarma, sweet potato, black bean and turkey hash. The class offered education on making budget-friendly big batch foods, cooking beans and how to calculate recipe costs. New cooking classes are coming in 2018! Look for them in the paper and on the health center website. Together, with a registered dietitian, folks can set nutrition goals to improve health. Medical nutrition therapy by a registered dietitian includes a review of regular diet and eating habits, thorough review of nutritional health and a personalized nutrition treatment plan. Those interested may ask a doctor if a referral for medical nutrition therapy provided by a registered dietitian is a right course of action. From left, Sault Tribe registered dietitian Kristy Hill, Kathleen Flesher, Lucy Beaudoin, Mary Kay Tomlyn, Sue Pavlat, Andy Armstrong, Pat Willitte, Jolene Nertoli, Ann Gonzey, Betty Smith, Bobbi MacArther, and Sault Tribe registered dietitian Marv Bunker.

Walking on . . .

LINDA M. GOETZ

Linda Mary Goetz, 69, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., passed away on Oct. 14, 2017, at her home surrounded by her family.

Linda was born in Sault Ste. Marie on April 20, 1948, the daughter of the late Melvin and Helen (nee Tardiff) Paquette. She graduated from Sault High School with the class of 1966. On July 31, 1970, Linda married Albert Vernon Goetz in Ann Arbor, Mich.

She worked at Lake Superior State University as the secretary for the director of the physical plant, where she retired after 30 years. After retirement, she worked part time as the secretary for the Sault Tribe Elders Program.

Linda was an avid reader who enjoyed gardening, cooking, baking and socializing with friends. She loved animals, spending time with her family and most of all spending time with her grandson. She was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

She is survived by her husband, Albert Goetz; her son, Christopher Paul (Melissa) Goetz of Sault Ste. Marie; and her grandson, Noah Christopher Goetz. She is also survived by two brothers, Michael (Roberta) Paquette of Westland, Mich., and Larry Paquette.

A memorial service was held Oct. 28 at C.S. Mulder Funeral Home with Deacon Bill Piche officiating.

Condolences may be left online at www.csmulder.com.

TIMOTHY J. LEE

Timothy J. Lee, aged 73, of Republic passed away on Oct. 13, 2017, at his residence.

He was born on April 24, 1944, in Gould City, Mich., the son of the late Arnold and Geneve (nee Sorensen) Lee.

Timothy retired from Ford Motor Co. where he did hydraulic repair.

He was a U.S. Army veteran serving in Vietnam with the 25th Admin. Co., Infantry Division. He was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of the Chippewa Indians and a life member of the Bellevue VFW, Sandusky Am-Vets. Also, he was a member of the 40/8 Club in Temple, Mich., he was very involved in the Bellevue Moose Club and was a past governor of the Ohio Moose.

Survivors include his children, Christopher (Julie) Lee of Bellevue, David (Rena) of Republic, Mark Lee of Republic, Brenda (Kevin) Prentice of Everat, Mich.; grandchildren, Tim, Jenny, Jamie, Matthew, Aaron, Brooke, Danny and Nicole; nine great-grandchildren; brothers, Pat Lee of Nevada, Barry Ned Lee of Michigan and Dean Kurt (Carolynn) Lee of Michigan.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Ethel (nee Kensler) Lee,

whom he married on Aug. 25, 1965, in Manchester, Mich.; and brothers, Ed, Mike and Brian.

Friends were received on Oct. 21 followed by services at Foos and Foos Funeral Service, Bellevue, Ohio. Military honors were provided by the Bellevue VFW and the U.S. Army. Burial was at Block Cemetery, Republic.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society. Memories and condolences may be shared at www.foosfuneral.com.

C.C. LENNOX

C.C. peacefully passed away Sept. 5, 2017, at the age of 63 at home surrounded by her loving family in Muskegon, Mich. She was born in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., on March 3, 1954, to Neva and Floyd Cairns.

She met her lifelong husband, Randy, at a young age and they were married on Oct. 6, 1972. C.C. was a very devoted wife throughout her life and a loving mother to four beautiful children. She was very involved with her children throughout her life.

C.C. was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. Her smile and laughter will never be forgotten.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Tonya Lennox; and her parents, Neva and Floyd Cairns.

Survivors include husband, Randy of Muskegon; children, Randy (Melanie) Lennox, Renee Lennox and Shannon (Eddie) Trent of Muskegon; siblings, Floyd (Terri) Perry of Kinross, Mich., June Wilson of Kingsley, Mich., Cecil Cairns of Sault Ste. Marie, Barb Cairns of Sault Ste. Marie, Cass Merrifield of Alpena, Mich., Gary Cairns of Sault Ste. Marie and Wayne Cairns of Wisconsin; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and extended family.

A memorial service was on Sept. 19 at the Sytsema Chapel in Muskegon.

In lieu of flowers, please consider the needs of the family. *I'm Free*

Don't grieve for me, now I'm free, following the path God laid for me. I took his hand when I heard his call; I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day, to laugh, to love, to work, to play. Tasks left undone must stay that way; I've found peace at the close of the day.

If my parting left a void, then fill it with remembered joy. A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss; ah yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with sorrow, I wish you sunshine tomorrow. Life's been full, I savored much, good friends, good times and loved one's touch,

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief, don't lengthen it with undue grief. Lift your heart and share with me; God wanted me, now He set me free.



ALICE T. MCDOUGALL

In loving memory of Alice Theresa McDougall, 76, formerly of Owosso, Mich., who passed away at her home in N. Las Vegas, Nev., on Aug. 31, 2017, with loved ones at her side.

Alice was born July 29, 1941, in Pontiac, Mich., to William and Alice (nee Ashwell) Bedard. Alice (also called Baby Alice and Nikels) was raised in Royal Oak, Mich. Alice married John McDougall on Aug. 4, 1962, in Detroit, Mich. They recently celebrated their 55th anniversary.

Alice enjoyed bowling, golfing, genealogy and gambling but most of all she loved and was devoted to her family.

She is survived by her husband, John McDougall, of N. Las Vegas; children, Douglas McDougall of N. Las Vegas, Carol Pomykal (Harold) of Las Vegas, James McDougall of Henderson, Amy Parsons (Gary) of Owosso, and Janet Mowl (George) Cheyenne, Wyo.; grandchildren, Alyssa and Nathan of Owosso, Kari, Garrett and Colton of Las Vegas, Ashley, Allison and Melissa of Cheyenne; great-grandchildren Bentley, Connor and Corbin of Cheyenne; two sisters, Gwendolyn, Linda; a brother, Bill; numerous nieces and nephews and great-nieces and nephews.

Alice was preceded in death by her parents, William and Alice; three sisters, Mary Jo, Dona Marie and Baby Girl Bedard; two grandchildren, Matthew McDougall Parsons and Jessica Belle Mowl.

CODY A. MUSSELMAN

Cody A. Musselman, 24, of Germfask, Mich., passed away unexpectedly on Oct. 9, 2017, as the result of a work-related accident in Florida. Cody was working with FEMA

as part of the disaster relief clearing following the aftermath of Hurricane Irma.

He was born on Feb. 18, 1993, in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., the son of Michael and Tracy (nee Rahn) Musselman and attended Manistique Area Schools. He was a graduate of the Manistique High School.

Cody was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and a devoted member of the Lakefield Baptist Church in McMillan, Mich.

He was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting, fishing and camping. He especially loved spending his time in Simmons Woods. Most importantly, he loved spending time with his family, especially his nieces and nephews whom he loved very much. Cody will be forever remembered for his enduring smile and generous spirit. He loved helping friends, family and his church whenever needed.

Cody is survived by his loving parents, Michael and Tracy Musselman of Germfask; brother,



Michael (Brianna) Musselman of Iron River, Mich.; sisters, Jamie (Zack) Ross of Iron River and Audrey Baumler of Sault Ste. Marie; grandparents, Jack and Joyce Rahn of Germfask; along with his loving nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents, Mickel and Karen Musselman.

A memorial gathering took place on Oct. 21 at the Lakefield Baptist Church in McMillan. A memorial service followed at the church with Pastor Stephen Peters officiating, with a dinner in the church hall afterward.

The Messier-Broullire Funeral Home of Manistique assisted the family with the arrangements. Online condolences may be expressed at www.mbfuneral.com.

KATHLEEN L. PETERS

Kathleen Laurentia Peters, aged 93, was born on March 2, 1924, in St. Ignace, Mich., and died on Oct. 20, 2017, at her home in Carrollton Township, Mich., surrounded

by her family. She was a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother as well as the daughter of the late Albert and Zella St. Onge.

Kathleen was a graduate of the Ursuline Academy in St. Ignace. She formerly worked at Lufkin Rule, then at Eaton Manufacturing where she met the lover of her life, Joseph M. Peters. They were married on June 28, 1947, at the Holy Name Catholic Church. He predeceased her on Dec. 22, 1998.

After starting her family, Kathleen became involved with Beeline Fashions and was eventually promoted to district manager. For many years she also coordinated fashion shows throughout the Tri-City and surrounding areas and organized card parties in Carrollton community. She loved traveling to the Upper Peninsula, singing and playing guitar. Kathleen was also an avid Detroit Tigers fan.

Surviving to cherish her memory are three children, LaVonne and Gerald Barker, California; Cathy Peters, Pinconning; Joey Jay Peters, Munger and his fiancée, Sheryl McCreery Symborski; a daughter-in-law, Rosie Peters; five grandchildren, Catherine (Joe) Manuszak, Charlie (Rosie), Jason Peters, Mandy (Brad) Schmitz, Joey Jay (Harmoni) Peters; five great-grandchildren, Hope, Gwen, Heidi, Joey and Hunter.

Kathleen was preceded in death by her son, Bob Peters; daughter, Sandy Peters; and siblings, Levi St. Onge and Lorraine Novitsky.

Visitation took place on Oct. 23 at the Snow Funeral Home in Saginaw, Mich., and services were conducted on Oct. 24 at the Holy Family Catholic Church in Saginaw with Rev. Fr. Ronald Dombrowski and Deacon Roger Pasionek officiating. Burial was in St. Patrick Cemetery in Bay City, Mich.

Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider the American Cancer Society.



RONALD L. PETERS

Ronald L. Peters, 74, of St. Joseph, passed away at Mosaic Life Care on Oct. 15, 2017.

Ronald was born on Jan. 21, 1943, in Munising, Mich., to the late Thaine and Bernice (nee Branam) Peters. He married Ruth Winovich in Youngstown, Ohio, in 1968. He also served his country for over 20 years in the United States Marine Corps.

Ronald was proud of his Native American heritage and was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. He also enjoyed fishing and spending time with his family.

He was preceded in death by his wife and his parents.

Ronald is survived by son, Robert (Kim) Peters, St. Joseph; grandchildren, Jasmine, Lance and Karina; eight brothers and sisters in Michigan; and numerous nieces and nephews.

His remains have been cremated under the direction of Heaton-Bowman-Smith and Sidenfaden Chapel. A family service in Michigan takes place at a later date.

DOROTHY A. ZOET

Dorothy Ann (nee DuPont) Zoet, 85, peacefully went to be with her loving Lord and Savior on Sept. 14, 2017, surrounded by her family. She was born on Feb. 18, 1932.

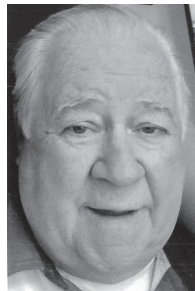
She leaves behind, the love of her life and soulmate of 68 years, Howard Zoet; her three sons, Butch and Kathy Zoet, Steve and Jill Zoet, and Mark and Chris Zoet; seven brothers and sisters, 19 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Dorothy's passion in her life was her family. She was a common sight whether rain or shine at every sporting event, music concert or academic event with a strong voice of encouragement. Her home is painted with pictures of her family that she loved to share with every guest who was welcomed into her home. She was also the first to surround you with prayers and encouragement. Along with her family, her faith was an integral part of her day-to-day life. She was a perfect example of Christ's love for us as she exuded this unwavering love for everyone she met.

She will be sorely missed by her family and friends but we rejoice knowing she is back in the hands of her Lord, her mom and daddy, her sister and brother, and her Shawny whom she all so longed to see again.

A sincere thanks to Kindred Heart Hospice Service (Cate, Kristy, Christine and Mary) for their faithful dedication in her final weeks.

Services and visitation is on Nov. 22 at Holy Family Catholic Church in Caledonia, Mich. Donations can be made to Holy Family Catholic Church.



Cairns new culture and language coordinator

By Rick Smith

Kaylynn Cairns recently accepted a grant-funded position at JKL Bahweting Public School Academy as the Sovereignty in Education coordinator. She started her new role on Sept. 11. Funding is through the Bureau of Indian Education Sovereignty in Indian Education Enhancement Program.

“The new Sovereignty in Education grant position focuses on providing resources and enhancements to the JKL Cultural and Language Program,” Cairns said. She explained that with the addition of the new JKL middle school building and grant funding, Dr. Chris Gordon, the school’s culture and language instructor, can explore ways to



Kaylynn Cairns

increase opportunities for students to explore Anishinaabe culture and language in a more traditional environment and further develop the program.

Cairns graduated from Pickford High School in 2007 and studied at Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, Mich., graduating in 2011 with a Bachelor of Arts and triple majors in community leadership-public administration, political science and business administration.

She returned to the Eastern Upper Peninsula working at the Lake Superior State University Admissions Office as a recruiter of students from northern and mid-Michigan. While in that position, Cairns said she also worked on development of the university’s tele-counseling program opening dialogue between current students and prospective students.

Further, she earned a post-baccalaureate certificate in communi-

ty and economic development-rural from Penn State in 2014.

“I got my first experience working with tribes as the training coordinator for Uniting Three Fires Against Violence,” said Cairns. She said the organization provides technical support for all 12 Michigan tribes’ domestic violence and sexual assault program. “I always had a strong connection to Sault Tribe as my mother, Sharon Portice, was an RN for the tribe for 19 years working at IHS, the Kincheloe clinic, and providing home health care. It was nice to return and work with Native communities and to develop and educate their staff and community on ways to better assist their clientele.”

Her position at Uniting Three

Fires came to a close when the organization lost funding for the post after a year, according to Cairns. Fortunately, she added, she was able to take a position at the Diane Pepler Resource Center and, for the last two years, served as the center’s advisor for teens on sexual violence prevention, working under a Rape Prevention Education grant. “I worked very closely with the Sault Tribe Advocacy Resource Center in educating local students and community members on their role in ending domestic violence and sexual assault,” Cairns said.

Cairns and her husband, Jayson, enjoy life with a small hobby farm in the Eastern Upper Peninsula with their two daughters, Maraya, 10, and Cecilya, 1.

Michigan Secretary of State observes Veterans Day

Secretary of State Ruth Johnson reminds residents that, in honor of Veterans Day, all Secretary of State offices and the Office of the Great Seal will be closed on Friday, Nov. 10 and Saturday, Nov. 11. She also encouraged people to thank veterans for their service and sacrifice.

“I had a rare opportunity to visit our troops in the Middle East in 2012 to study how to make overseas voting easier for those in the military,” Johnson said. “I will never forget the sense of honor, duty and patriotism that those young men and women displayed in spite of the terrible conditions. We owe everyone who has ever served this country a great debt for their service and sacrifice.”

Given the great number of veterans who live here, Johnson unveiled a number of initiatives in support of them. A few of those include: Veteran designation on driver’s licenses and state identification cards; waiving road tests for veterans applying for a commercial driver license to help their transition to civilian life if they have sufficient heavy truck experience in the military; and offering more than two dozen military license plates that are available for veterans allowing them to display their service with pride.

“Patriotism and service run deep in Michigan,” Johnson added.

Roddy accorded AISES award

Esme Roddy, a senior neuroscience major at Pomona College, Sault Tribe member and granddaughter of Robert and Mollie Boynton of St. Ignace, received the American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) Lighting the Pathway To Faculty Careers in STEM Award in August of 2017. The award offers a \$2,250 stipend for two years and includes conference registration and participation for the AISES annual meeting. She will be paired with a faculty mentor and provided with opportunities to participate in skill-building, professional-development in-person programming and webinars.



Esme intends to pursue a PhD in a mental health related field and become university faculty.

Roddy promoted to professor at U-M

Dr. Juliette Roddy, Sault Tribe member and daughter of Robert and Mollie Boynton, was promoted to the level of professor at the University of Michigan Dearborn in September of 2017. Her appointment is within the College of Arts, Sciences and Letters where she is the current director of the Master’s in Criminal Justice Program. Roddy has been with the University of Michigan Dearborn since 2005.



Anderson Memorial Dance Scholarship available

On behalf of the family of Whitney-Jo Anderson, the Chippewa County Community Foundation is honored to announce the availability of the annual Whitney-Jo Anderson Memorial Dance Scholarship.

On April 19, 2008, the Lord called a precious little girl’s name and she answered his call. Whitney-Jo was nine years old when she went to live with her heavenly father.

Anyone who met Whitney-Jo quickly fell in love with her strong personality and her attitude on life. She loved life even though she had battled a heart condition and cancer for much of her life. Whitney-Jo’s greatest passion was to dance. She learned her passion for bal-

let dancing in the Academy of Performing Arts studio under the caring direction of Luanna Luxton-Armstrong.

The family of Whitney-Jo has created a legacy for their precious angel by establishing the Whitney-Jo Anderson Memorial Dance Scholarship Fund with the Chippewa County Community Foundation. This scholarship will pay \$350 towards dance lessons and/or dance attire.

Applications can be picked up at the Soo Theatre, Allure Dance Studio, Academy of Performing Arts Studio or the Chippewa County Community Foundation – 511 Ashmun St. – Suite 200 (second floor of Huntington Bank). Applications due Nov. 30.



Collections sites announced for global Christmas project

SAULT SAINTE MARIE, Mich. — This month, several locations in the multi-county Upper Peninsula area serve as drop-off sites for the Samaritan’s Purse project, Operation Christmas Child—joining nearly 5,000 U.S. locations collecting gift-filled shoeboxes for children in need around the world.

During the project’s National Collection Week, Nov. 13-20, Sault Ste. Marie residents transform empty shoeboxes into gifts of hope filled with school supplies, hygiene items and fun toys. Operation Christmas Child delivers these shoebox gifts to children affected by war, disease, disaster, poverty and famine.

This year, the Upper Peninsula MI Area Team hopes to contribute more than 10,000 shoebox gifts toward the 2017 global goal of reaching 12 million children.

Local collection sites:

Sault Sainte Marie - First Church of Christ
300 W Spruce Street
Mon, Nov. 13, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Tue, Nov. 14, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Wed, Nov. 15, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Thu, Nov. 16, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Fri, Nov. 17, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sat, Nov. 18, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Sun, Nov. 19, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Mon, Nov. 20, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Saint Ignace - Glen Memorial Baptist Church

219 Truckey Street
Mon, Nov. 13, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Tue, Nov. 14, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Wed, Nov. 15, 4 - 8:30 p.m.
Thu, Nov. 16, 5 - 9 p.m.
Fri, Nov. 17, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Sat, Nov. 18, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Sun, Nov. 19, 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Mon, Nov. 20, 6:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

Rudyard - Rudyard Bible Church

11124 W Main Street
Mon, Nov. 13, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Tue, Nov. 14, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Wed, Nov. 15, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Thu, Nov. 16, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Fri, Nov. 17, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Sat, Nov. 18, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Sun, Nov. 19, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Mon, Nov. 20, 8 - 10 a.m.

Manistique - First Baptist Church

315 Walnut Street
Mon, Nov. 13, 6 - 8 p.m.
Tue, Nov. 14, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Wed, Nov. 15, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Wed, Nov. 15, 6 - 8 p.m.
Thu, Nov. 16, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Fri, Nov. 17, 4 - 8 p.m.
Sat, Nov. 18, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Sun, Nov. 19, 1 - 4 p.m.
Mon, Nov. 20, 9 - 11 a.m.

McMillan - Lakefield Baptist Church

24230 County Road 98
Mon, Nov. 13, 4 - 7:30 p.m.
Tue, Nov. 14, 4 - 7:30 p.m.
Wed, Nov. 15, 4 - 7:30 p.m.
Thu, Nov. 16, 4 - 7:30 p.m.
Fri, Nov. 17, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Fri, Nov. 17, 4 - 7:30 p.m.
Sat, Nov. 18, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Sun, Nov. 19, 2 - 4 p.m.
Mon, Nov. 20, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Wetmore, - Munising Baptist Church and Schools

N 6285 Connors Road
Mon, Nov. 13: 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Tue, Nov. 14: 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Wed, Nov. 15: 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Wed, Nov. 15: 6 - 8 p.m.
Thu, Nov. 16: 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Fri, Nov. 17: 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Sat, Nov. 18: 8 - 10 a.m.
Sun, Nov. 19: 8 - 10 a.m.
Mon, Nov. 20: 8 - 10 a.m.

To view gift suggestions, call (937) 374-0761 or visit samaritanspurse.org/occ.

Participants can donate \$9 per shoebox gift online through “Follow Your Box” and receive a tracking label to discover its destination. Or browse samaritanspurse.org/buildonline.

Sault Tribe families blessed with new babies

BENSON D. BELL

Jennifer and Bradley Bell of Davison, Mich., announce the birth of their first-born son, Benson Dean Bell. He arrived on Oct. 16, 2017. He weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce and was 19.25 inches in length.

Grandparents are Franklin Benson and Peggy Ann of Bay Mills, Ellen Benson of Davison, Mich., and Becky and Les Bell of Davison. Aunt and uncle are Jennifer's sister and brother-in-law, Becky and Chad Green, of Nashville, Tenn.

LILYANN HENNESSEE

Lilyann Hennessee was born on July 11 in Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. She

weighed 8 lbs., 3 oz. and was 21.25 inches long.

Her mother is Nicole Hennessee, grandmother is Krista Fountain and great-grandmother is Ruth Newsome.

HARLYN M. STONEHAM

Danielle Benton and Devin Stoneham announce the birth of their daughter, Harlyn Marie Stoneham, born on Oct. 19, 2017, at 6:43 p.m. She weighed 6 pounds, 2 ounces and was 19.75 inches in length.

Harlyn is the sister of Danielle Benton, 7, and Devin Stoneham, 5. Grandparents are James and Dawn Lazor, Dennis Oikarinen, Debbie Derosha and David Goit.



Benson Dean Bell



Lilyann Hennessee



Harlyn Marie Stoneham

Four generations



Four generations of the Lumsden family — Left to right, grandmother, Lori Innes, Brimley, Mich.; granddaughter, Mia Joey Enfelis; mother, Janel Enfelis, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.; and great-grandmother, Susie Lumsden, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Smith and Sambrano married



Congratulations to Jared and Leanne Smith Sambrano married on Oct. 15, at Sandhill Crane Vineyard. We are so proud of you both.
—Love Mom and Dad!

Healer availability for November

Sault Ste. Marie, Nov. 1, 7, 14, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29; call Peggy Holappa at 632-0220, or Community Health at 632-5210 for appointments.	Newberry, Nov. 6, 293-8181.
	Munising, Nov. 21, 387-4721.
	St. Ignace, Nov. 28, 643-8689.

Correction —

In the Oct. 13 issue of Win Awenen Nisitotung on page 11,

Christin McKerchie's name was misspelled in the brief, "Murder at the Juice Joint" Murder Mystery Dinner Theater."

Sault Tribe Law Enforcement Officer George Parish retires

Sault Tribe Law Enforcement long-time Police Officer George Parish recently retired. Officer Parish's last day of service was Friday, Oct. 6, 2017. Sault Tribe Law Enforcement (STLE) hosted a community luncheon on his last day at Kewadin Casinos in Sault Ste. Marie. Parish worked for Sault Tribe for over 32 years, the majority of which were spent in law enforcement. STLE was sad to see him retire, but very happy for him to start his next adventure.

Photos by Brenda Austin



Police Chief Bob Marchand wishes Officer Parish well.



Board Representative Michael McKerchie, Detective Mike Pins, Board Representative Denny McKelvie, Police Chief Bob Marchand and George Parish (L-R).



Officer Parish with Sault Tribe Chairperson Aaron Payment.



Sault Tribe Law Enforcement and the prosecutor's office gathered with other well wishers to see Officer Parish and celebrate his years of service.

Hunting sandhill cranes won't help farmers, may hurt billion dollar birding activity

BY JENNIFER DALE-BURTON

The recently approved House Resolution 154 encourages the Michigan Natural Resources Commission to add sandhill cranes to the game species list and seek approval from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for a hunting season in Michigan.

The bill's sponsor, State Rep. Jim Lower of Cedar Lake, says the crane is overpopulated and if people shoot them in the fall they won't eat farmer's seedlings in the spring.

"The establishment of a hunting season will help control the population and limit damage to local farms, where corn and wheat plants serve as a food source for the birds," he said in a statement following the House vote. The statement also claims that the crane population has risen 9.4 percent annually over the past decade and that hunting in other states has not affected the population increase.

There are only 23,000 cranes in Michigan, about half a million in the U.S., a recent success story in conservation.

The Audubon Society of Michigan, a science-based conservation society, has come out against the resolution. It says

there is a better way to deal with crop depredation than hunting.

"Newly developed, non-toxic chemical seed coatings have the potential to redirect sandhill cranes to consume insect pests in corn fields and avoid the seed, resulting in a win-win for farmers," said Michigan Audubon Executive Director Heather Good in a statement.

She added that hunting cranes in the fall would have little effect on their behavior in the spring.

There is also a concern that Michigan "robust" population is needed as a "source population" to help other crane populations that are still endangered

Sandhill cranes also add to the state's economy. According to Michigan Seagrant, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service indicated that wildlife watching generates a billion dollars of economic activity in Michigan every year.

According to the USFWS, of all the wildlife in the United States, birds attract the largest following. In 2011, there were 47 million birdwatchers 16 and older in the United States, which amounts to about 20 percent of the population. (*Birding in the United States: A Demographic and Economic*



Photo by Joel Dinda/Flicker

The CraneFest in Bellevue, Mich., where people watch and photograph cranes attend an art fair, book sale, and lecture series, with guided and unguided nature walks.

Analysis, Addendum to the 2011 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife-Associated, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.) The Festival of the Cranes, Swan Day Festival, Eagle Festival, and Space Coast Birding and Wildlife Festival are just a few examples

of the 44 bird festivals held and planned at national wildlife refuges this year.

Other Michigan events include annual festivals that thousands of people attend as sandhill crane viewing events, including Michigan Audubon's "CraneFest"

and the Cranes, Colors, Cabernet, and Cider Festival.

Besides economic and aesthetic appreciation, the sandhill crane is a bird of spiritual importance to the Anishinaabe as one of the people's original clans, the Jijaaq dodem.

Sault Tribe Board approved October resolutions

The Sault Tribe Board of Directors held a special meeting Oct. 17 in Sault Ste. Marie, reviewing and passing one resolution. Absent board members included: Michael McKerchie,

Lana Causley, Bridgett Sorenson, Anita Nelson and Aaron Payment.

Resolution 2017-203: National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Support for Chairperson

Payment – The board stated their support for Chairperson Payment in the role of Executive Officer for the NCAI.

The board also met Oct. 24 in St. Ignace, approving 10 resolu-

tions, five by unanimous vote. All board members were present.

Res. 2017-204: ACFS-Binogii and Tribal Foster Care FY 2017 Budget Modification – The modification was approved for a decrease in State of Michigan monies of \$237,033 and an increase in Other Revenue monies of \$839.93.

Res. 2017-205: ACFS – General Assistance FY 2017 Budget Modification – Budget modification approved for an increase in Federal BIA monies of \$13,382.32.

Res. 2017-206: FY 2018 Budget Document 002 (without Health Division) – Budget Document 002 totaling \$6,569,545 was approved with \$652,126 coming from Tribal Support.

Res. 2017-207: Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Document 004 Enterprises – This was approved for revenue of \$9,897,772 and expenses of \$9,810,813.

Res. 2017-208: Fiscal Year 2018 Enterprises Capital Purchases Budget – A total of \$628,294 was approved as the Enterprises Fiscal Year 2018 Capital Purchases Budget.

Res. 2017-209: Approving Lease Marquette Tribal Community Health Center – The lease was approved, expiring on Oct. 31, 2018.

Res. 2017-210: Amending Key Employee Resolution 2005-199, Natural Resources Department – Changes to the list of "Key Team Members" was made to reflect changes made within the regulatory branch of the tribe.

Res. 2017-211: Amending Tribal Code Section 45.606, Workers Compensation Attorney Fees – The code was changed to

amend attorney fees and costs due to the limits on attorney fee compensation not increasing in several years and being perceived as being too low.

2017-212: US v MI Negotiations – Attorney Marc Slonim was retained to represent the tribe and assist the lead counsel in the upcoming US v MI 2020 negotiations.

2017-213: Authorization to Initiate Litigation Challenging the Denial of Mandatory Trust Applications - The tribe purchased or entered into binding options to purchase parcels of land in Lansing, Michigan and in New Boston, Michigan using interest or income from the Self-Sufficiency Fund and, on June 10, 2014, submitted fee to trust requests to the Bureau of Indian Affairs requesting the Secretary of Interior accept the parcels into trust status as mandated by the Michigan Indian Land Claims Settlement Act (MILCSA); and on July 24, 2017, after three years of costly delay, the Bureau of Indian Affairs issued a final decision denying the trust requests; with the tribe finding that contrary to the provisions of MILCSA. The Chairperson and General Counsel have been advised to take whatever action is necessary and appropriate to challenge and overturn the denial of its June 10, 2014 trust requests including initiating litigation in the appropriate federal court seeking an order requiring the Secretary of the Interior to take the affected parcels of land into mandatory trust status as provided by MILCSA.

To view these and other resolutions in their entirety, visit www.saulttribe.com

Diabetes myths vs facts for national diabetes month

Myth: If you are overweight or obese, you will eventually develop type 2 diabetes.

Fact: Being overweight is a risk factor for developing this disease, but other risk factors such as family history, ethnicity and age also play a role. Unfortunately, too many people disregard the other risk factors for diabetes and think that weight is the only risk factor for type 2 diabetes. Most overweight people never develop type 2 diabetes, and many people with type 2 diabetes are at a normal weight or only moderately overweight.

Myth: Diabetes is not that serious of a disease.

Fact: Diabetes causes more deaths a year than breast cancer and AIDS combined. Having diabetes nearly doubles your chance of having a heart attack. The good news is that good diabetes control can reduce your risks for diabetes complications.

Myth: People with diabetes should eat special diabetic foods.

Fact: A healthy meal plan for people with diabetes is generally the same as a healthy eating for anyone – low in saturated and trans fat, moderate in salt and sugar, with meals based on lean protein, non-starchy vegetables, whole grains, healthy fats and

fruit. "Diabetic" foods generally offer no special benefit. Most of them still raise blood glucose levels, are usually more expensive and can also have a laxative effect if they contain sugar alcohols.

Myth: People with diabetes can't eat sweets or chocolate.

Fact: If eaten as part of a healthy meal plan, or combined with exercise, sweets and desserts can be eaten by people with diabetes. They are no more "off limits" to people with diabetes than they are to people without diabetes. The key to sweets is to have a very small portion and save them for special occasions so you focus your meal on more healthful foods.

Myth: If you have type 2 diabetes and your doctor says you need to start using insulin, it means you're failing to take care of your diabetes properly.

Fact: For most people, type 2 diabetes is a progressive disease. When first diagnosed, many people with type 2 diabetes can keep their blood glucose at a healthy level with oral medications. But over time, the body gradually produces less and less of its own insulin, and eventually oral medications may not be enough to keep blood glucose levels normal.

Using insulin to get blood glucose levels to a healthy level is a good thing, not a bad one.

Myth: Fruit is a healthy food. Therefore, it is ok to eat as much of it as you wish.

Fact: Fruit is a healthy food. It contains fiber and lots of vitamins and minerals. Because fruits contain carbohydrates, they do raise blood glucose (also called blood sugar) and need to be included in your meal plan. Talk to your dietitian about the amount, frequency and types of fruits you should eat.

Under the Sault Tribe Good Health and Wellness in Indian Country (GHWIC) and the Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI) grants, Sault Tribe Community Health aims to highlight the importance of healthy eating and physical activity as a means to reduce obesity rates, prevent or manage chronic disease and improve overall health. These grants are funded through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Indian Health Service (IHS).

For more information, please contact Sault Tribe Community Health at (906) 632-5210.

Source: American Diabetes Association - <http://www.diabetes.org/>

UNANIMOUSLY RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF UNITED TRIBES OF MICH.

LANDSLIDE NCAI VICTORY.....STILL NO STAFF!



With Little Traverse Chair Regina Gasco-Bentley & Jamie Stuck, Chair of the Huron Band of Potawatomi

Ahneen, Boozho, Negee,

It has been an extremely busy few months. During the October Unit 1 Elder meeting, I was asked when I would have the authority as Chairperson returned. The Elders here and across the Units have insisted that when they voted for the position of Chairperson last time, they did so with the clear understanding that the Chairperson perform the administrative functions of the Tribe.

I was re-elected this last time with this clear understanding. In the past, I have balanced our budgets every year without cutting services or jobs. So, something other than my education and experience explains the Board's actions to deny even a secretary.

Our tribe does not have a federal lobbyist. This is amazing given we are the largest tribe East of the Mississippi and we have a great level of respect and influence at the local, state, regional and national levels. The reason this is so is because of the inroads I have been able to

make though my work with other tribes and Native organizations. I enjoy a position of respect and prominence among my peers in Indian Country. This says something clear about me as Chairperson but even more about some Members of our Board.

As you may recall, I serve as the elected Chair of the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority (CORA). I was re-elected to this post unanimously. Our tribe's actions in the last year with respect to our former treaty team members and subsequent lost revenues of about \$300,000 proves a little knowledge is a dangerous thing. Forcibly removing our Conservation Committee volunteers was so offensive, it is hard to understand how some of our Board can possibly practice the Seven Grandfather teaching of respect.

In addition to CORA, I also was recently re-elected unanimously as the President of the United Tribes of Michigan (UTM). While we have differences with some tribes, I have forged strong An-

ishinabeg bonds with our fellow leaders all Michigan Tribes such that they cast their vote to allow me to continue as President of UTM.

Our inter-tribal unity is critical to protecting our treaty rights, funding, and relations with other levels of government as it affects Indian



With Alaska Native NCAI Area VP and Alternate Rob Sanderson, Jr. & Clinton Lageson

Child Welfare, the Indian Tuition Waiver, and funding for programs like Low Income Heating Energy Assistant. In fact, my efforts along with our team, secured our \$450,000 allocation when the State previously intended to cut us by \$350,000. Our jealous Board Members just cannot bring themselves to recognize the work I did with the

State and Inter-tribally to protect this funding.



With Actor Adam Beach

Most recently, I was so proud and heartened when I was relected with a landslide vote to move into the position of 1st Vice President for the National Congress of American Indians. Founded in 1944, NCAI is the largest Native advocacy organization in the country and works collaboratively with the National Indian Health Board, (NIHB) National Indian Education Association (NIEA), and National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA). As a

life time Member of NCAI (I paid for my own membership) I serve as the Co-Chair of the Educational Subcommittee and Human Resources Committee so I can work on Indian health care, education, and child welfare issues. This work has great dividends back home in our funding and watchdogging laws that otherwise renege on the "pre-paid" treaty obligation to provide, "health, education, and social welfare....for as long as the grass grows, wind blows and rivers flow".

What amazes, other tribal leaders from across the country and even our Elders is how some Members of our Board exact their jealousy to try to thwart my effectiveness and thereby hurt our Tribe by not even allowing me a secretary or any staff support! Please remember this in the next election which will commence in late January. In the meantime, I will continue to work hard to represent you!

Chi McGwitch, Negee!

Incredibly proud of our very own Sault Tribe Member Lori Jump for working at the National level to bring awareness & advocacy to domestic violence issues. Thank you Lori for your leadership.



Every woman is someone's daughter, mother, sister, aunt, grandma, wife,

girlfriend or friend. Are YOU really okay, with them being reduced to merely a sex ob-

ject? No other human deserves to be subordinated or denigrated though sexual har-

SEXUAL HARRASSMENT IS GENDER BASED VIOLENCE

assment. Sexual harassment is gender based violence and is illegal and immoral.

Change your corporate culture and change expectations. As the lead administrator in the past, I changed behavior by changing expectations and stopping "shop talk" as inappropriate. Even distasteful humor serves to control or dominate others by making them uncomfortable and is a violation of other's human/ civil rights so stop it.

In the past, as just another employee with no formal authority, I made my position known and stopped harass-

ment in my presence. At times this has been uncomfortable but I am sure less so than a woman having to tolerate unwanted sexual attention or gender based violence.

"Rule of thumb, would you do or say it in front of your Gram, mom or sister? If not, don't do or say it!"

In the future, we will look back at these times and ask ourselves what the hell took so long? Be the change today. Change your own behavior and those you come in contact with and change the world.

Referendum, co-captains, wage grid, insurance



**BRIDGETT SORENSON,
DIRECTOR, UNIT III**

Many of you by this time have received a referendum ballot that you probably had no idea about. I think many people who signed the petitions didn't either from some that I talked to. Anyway, the members shall have the final say in whether they agree that the inland fishing and hunting committee and the

Great Lakes committee should be combined or be separate. As usual there has been much misinformation on social media and the tribal newspaper. I do think it is unfortunate that if the chair doesn't get his way he generates petitions. For him to get his way, it will cost the tribe about \$40,000.

The chair is the one who ran the petitions to separate the conservation committees. Many of the petitions did not have complete addresses on them and his name was rubber stamped on sheets as the circulator but he was not the one who presented the petition in many instances. The person presenting the petition should be the circulator. I find it crazy that an elder of the tribe who circulated two of the petition sheets had them filled out properly but the chair's were not. Sometimes things are done on purpose to be able to place blame on others. When a candidate is running for the board,

the circulator has to be the one presenting the petitions and full addresses are needed or they are disqualified. There should not be two different standards. There should also be a copy of the resolution attached so members know what is going on.

What I find appalling is that the chair's obsession with one of the fishermen has hurt many little fishermen. The push for co-captains to cease (except under a few circumstances) will lead to many fishermen without jobs come Dec. 31. That resolution was not on the agenda in Escanaba in June, but the chair ruled it was supposed to be and he broke the 6-6 tie to end co-captains. It is very unfortunate that he is very concerned with having two separate committees that will not affect anyone's livelihoods but instead broke a tie to take some people's livelihoods away.

Captain's licenses are very valuable items with a price that

is often too steep for many tribal members to be able to purchase. With using co-captains, this process allows those individuals the opportunity to fish and support their families under someone else's license. The board has continuously been told that co-captains lead to over harvesting. The fact of the matter is that there are only so many licenses, so whether a captain fishes the license or a co-captain, there is still an effect on the fishery. The person the chair has an obsession with apparently hasn't done anything illegal that we have been told.

I will be curious to see what happens when the ballots are counted. I am sure you remember how the tribal election went in 2016. The chair was posting on Facebook during the count that the election was corrupt and he was reporting it to the BIA and the rest of the world because the numbers weren't as he expected. Apparently too big of a coward to be at the count him-

self. He did the same in 2012; after he was made aware he would win he showed up. So if the ballots don't seem to go his way, I bet the same will be said. Everyone is crooked in his mind. This leads to the reason that we have such a lack of members on our Election Committee. Many of our team members volunteer and are accused of many things. Mind you, this is the same person who preaches the Seven Grandfathers, traditions and culture. We have no smudging or prayers at our meetings. He continuously belittles the women of this tribe if they speak out against him or don't vote his way.

He sends harassing emails and text messages to our team members. He chased out how many non-Natives in this tribe, "White Wednesday." But hey, we must be talking about two different people, or maybe just personalities. The emperor has two faces!
See "Sorenson Report," pg. 25

Last month productive with a few speed bumps



**DJ HOFFMAN
DIRECTOR, UNIT I**

The last month has been productive, albeit not without its share of speed bumps and issues. As a tribe we have many issues to address and need to establish better systems and processes to ensure a more successful and productive tribe.

BUDGETS

As of today not all of the FY18 governmental or casino budgets have been approved. Clearly, this is one issue that the tribe has to address in the immediate future. We cannot continue to wait until year end to adopt new budgets and should be taking a longer term budgeting approach. I am proposing to workshop the issue of the budget process and time frames with the entire board of directors so that we may collectively adopt a more efficient process.

COMPRESSION

This issue had been placed upon the last meeting agenda by another board member in relation to the employee wage grids. At the last meeting, we were informed that this is "not a raise" and that "not all individuals will be receiving it." The board wisely chose to table the issue as it is quite concerning that any attempt to adopt a new wage grid structure should be done in an equitable manner that benefits ALL employees. In addition, development of a new grid should be done independently to eliminate conflicts.

ELECTION REFORM

Over the past year, I have proposed legislation to amend the tribal Election Code to remove all of the unconstitutional provisions that currently reside in the code. In addition, I have proposed amending the residency requirement to: "establish residency prior to being sworn in as an elected representative of the Sault Tribe." In short, if you can vote for a position, you should also be allowed to run for that same position, regardless of where you reside. While these items have been tabled on multiple occasions, I am hopeful that they will be addressed at the first meeting in November.

In addition, I have advocated, and will continue to advocate, for sending a constitutional amendment to the membership for term limits. This item has also been tabled, or removed from the agenda, on multiple occasions.

BIG BEAR COMMUNITY CENTER

I am eagerly anticipating the new layout of the Big Bear focused upon our community's youth with priorities such as education, culture and youth activities. Hopefully, by the time this article is printed, we will have implemented this layout. I will be asking for a copy to place in my December report at the next scheduled board meeting.

JKL BAHWETING SCHOOL

The Middle School Expansion has two months until completion. The roof is completed and the final wall panels are being set into place. Interior work with walls, plumbing, and electrical have commenced (see photo above) and we anticipate the buildings heating and cooling system will be online before Thanksgiving. Please take the time to drive by and view the progress. This project is truly an example of what can be accomplished when people work together for a common goal for the benefit of the children and community.

REFERENDUM

By now the referendum bal-



Above is a look at interior construction of the classroom addition at JKL Bahweting School. The project is due to be complete in two months.

lots are in the mail and we are nearing the end of the voting process. Resolution 2010-276 Establishing a Great Lakes and Inland Conservation Committee was approved by a vote of 7-4. The new committee structure (two committees) was in place for six years, seven months and four days. There have been no consent decrees negotiated at either committee during their respective existence.

The original structure which has been re-established and will stay established if the voters approve the referendum was established in 1978 and was in place for 31 years, 11 months and 10 days. This structure was heavily involved in two Great Lakes Consent Decrees as well as one Inland Consent Decree.

Some are out there admonishing board members for merging the committees back to their original intent, which had served our tribe historically very well. Ironically, there was no admonishment when individuals chose to vote against the initial split in 2010. There have also been allegations that I was one of the board members that served in 2010 that voted to separate the committees and now seek to reunite them. This is false. I was not a member of the tribal board of directors in December 2010 when resolution 2010-276 was adopted.

Clearly, the primary motive for the referendum is politics. In

30 days, the petitioner gathered 111 signatures, 13 of which did not have complete addresses but were still counted. If the demand and outrage from this board action was as great as being depicted by the circulator, one would imagine that there would be more than 111 signatures.

With the 2020 Consent Decree negotiations on the horizon it is imperative that the tribe illustrate that it has the systems and structures in place to negotiate and manage its resources. There is one proven structure that has worked and provided balance, and one that is derived solely of a specific group of tribal membership. Fishing (whether commercial or subsistence) is a tribal treaty right. Every member has a right to qualify to serve on a committee that is tasked with working on protecting those rights.

I have been fortunate to serve as an elected representative of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians. I was also fortunate to serve as a member of the Conservation Committee from 1997-2001 in a non-fisherman seat. I was able to participate in the 2000 Consent Decree negotiations and was encouraged to provide my views from a non-commercial perspective. It should be noted that during that four-year time frame the only board members in attendance were the two members of the committee (Mr. Matson and Mr. King).

The right of referendum is an essential right of the membership to hold their respective elected officials accountable. It has, on occasion, been utilized as a political tool by elected officials (which is not the intent) to further their individual goals. As an elected official, it is not acceptable to use your position and the tribe's resources, such as turning the tribal paper into a campaign flyer, when the results of a vote do not align with your objectives.

Within the confines of the board meeting I voted to re-establish the original structure focused on the resources of the tribe with a balance of tribal members representing commercial and non commercial interests. On the ballot, I voted without hesitation to APPROVE that same vote. From my perspective, I can explain my vote and rationale as it has been based upon research and experience.

How should you vote? That is entirely up to you!

As we enter the holiday season, it is time to express our appreciation for what we have as individuals and as a tribe. I am grateful and extremely appreciative for the opportunity to serve the members of the tribe as an elected representative. I wish you all the best during the holidays and please remember life is precious and short. Make the most of it while you can and cherish those who you call friends and family.

In closing, I will continue to push forward with members of the board who wish to be progressive. I will also continue to work with members of the board to ensure that we become innovative in our approach to economic diversification, membership services and stepping out of the non progressive box that we appear to be confined to.

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Speaking out on violence against women and promises kept



JENNIFER MCLEOD,
DIRECTOR, UNIT I

Aaniin, Anishinaabek, I was honored once again to represent our tribe by providing testimony to the Department of Justice. **I am very proud of the team that makes it all possible.** Christine McPherson, Juanita Bye, Jami Moran, Mike McCoy, Sheila Berger, Sheri Mastaw, Linda Grosset, Meghan Starling and others, too, worked very hard to make sure I had the right information and was at the right place at the right time. The following is the testimony the TEAM put together, it was **powerful**. The room broke into applause several times, because our message was direct, informed and on point. One of the attendees came up to me and said: "You spoke exactly what everyone was thinking."

Jennifer McLeod, tribal council member

Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians

Jennifer McLeod, n'dizhnikaaaz, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians ndoo-debendaagoz. Kina Baawaa'ting Anishinaabek Omaa go nda Onjikida. Wiijiwaagwining, nda-wiijnokiimaayek. My name is Jennifer McLeod. As a member and as a leader of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, I am speaking on behalf of the tribe. As always, my tribe and I want to work in partnership with you.

Jurisdiction: Concerns and recommendations

Today, victims across tribal nations are without justice due to the continued jurisdictional gaps created by the 1978 *Oliphant v. Suquamish Indian Tribe* decision. Although the Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction is in place, it does not go far enough. It only applies to a narrow category of intimate partners, does not allow prosecution of co-occurring crimes such as drug and alcohol offenses, property damages and crimes against children. It is an atrocity that perpetrators are not held accountable for such offenses and are left to continually prey upon others.

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians recommends jurisdictional expansion of Section 904 of the Violence Against Women Act to include crimes of sexual assault, stalking, sex trafficking and crimes against minor children.

Tribal Law and Order Act: Concerns and recommendations

On May 31, 2012, the United States Government Accountability Office issued a report indicating 96 percent of responding tribes most frequently identified limited funding as a barrier to exercising this new sentencing authority. As of August 2017, only 11 tribes

have implemented the *Tribal Law and Order Act* of 2010 (TLOA) evidencing continued implementation struggles and the need for additional resources.

We experience the same difficulty. Although the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians implemented Special Domestic Violence Court Jurisdiction during December 2016, our tribe cannot utilize it because it remains unfunded. Due to the lack of designated funding, my tribe is unable to implement enhanced sentencing authority allowable under TLOA, specifically expenses related to imprisonment.

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians recommends a funding solicitation be made available to include financial support for imprisonment costs necessary to fully implement the Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010.

Rescission: Concerns and recommendations

The Administration FY2018 budget proposal recommended the permanent rescission (removal) of \$1.31 billion from the Crime Victims Fund as a deficit reduction measure, even though the Victims of Crime Act statute states that unobligated fund amounts shall remain in the fund for obligation in future years.

The recommendation cannot stand. It feeds the impression that the lives of Native American victims are meaningless and its impact is directly contrary to the federal trust responsibility to the federally recognized tribes.

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians urges all federal funding streams for tribal programs be exempt from rescission based upon the unique government-to-government relationship that exists with tribal nations.

Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) grant funding: Concerns and recommendations

We recommend the Legal Assistance for Victims - Tribal Focus funding opportunity (offered during 2014) become an annual stand-alone solicitation or become a new Purpose Area within the Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation.

Through the continued support of OVW, our tribe has operated a Legal Assistance for Victims (LAV) program for over 15 years, of which the last three years were funded by a "Tribal Focus" legal assistance solicitation that was made available during 2014. While 67 percent of LAV applicants were funded during 2014, only 31 percent were funded during 2015 and only 26 percent are estimated to be funded in 2017. By December 31, 2017, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians' legal assistance program will be forced to cease operations as our tribe is one of the 74 percent of applications that were not funded for FY2017.

Due to award amount limitations within Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS) Purpose Area #5, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians' rural and geographically isolated legal assistance program was forced to compete with 171 applicants from across the nation. The 2017 legal assistance for victims grant allocation was only \$34,692,492 in relation to the documented need of \$100,532,480.94.

This allocation shortage of almost \$66 million dollars is a tragedy and will force thousands of victims and their children to remain in volatile living and custody situations without access to legal relief to address continued victimization.

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians also recommends the Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation Purpose Area #5 allow tribal nations to apply every year.

While it is beneficial that the tribal governments grant program combines the tribal set-asides from six other grant programs, restricting tribes from applying annually for different types of victim service programming reduces the existence of comprehensive tribal victim service programs. Having to make critical programming decisions are life altering to the Native American victims whom tribal victim service programs assist. If our tribe is funded this year, these eligibility restrictions will prevent our tribe from applying for PA#5 again until FY2020.

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians continues to recommend new OVW grant award announcements be made on or before June 1 of the grant solicitation year. Additionally, the tribe continues to recommend that an analysis be conducted to determine the feasibility of grant applications being submitted during February of one year with a project implementation date of October 1 the following year. For example, applicants would be permitted to submit a proposal during February 2018, award notification will be made by June 1, 2018 as to what projects will be funded for the start date of October 1, 2019.

Office on Victims of Crime: Concerns and recommendations

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians recommends there be an established tribal set aside funding within the Crime Victims Fund.

Despite strong support for the 5 percent VOCA tribal funding set aside, a recent objection to the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, as well as federally-recognized tribes across the country, urges support for a dedicated tribal set-aside in the Victims of Crime Act Fund. Currently, programs serving Native American victims of violent crime from 20011-2014 received less than 0.5 percent annually from the VOCA Fund.

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians recommends funding and support for the development of Child Advocacy Centers within rural and underserved areas become a national priority.

Currently, there are 795 Child Advocacy Centers (CAC) nationally. Most are out of reach of children living in rural areas. The disparity of available CACs is staggering and unacceptable for our most vulnerable population. For instance, child victims in our tribal community must travel a minimum of three hours one-way to obtain CAC services. Funding opportunities must be developed to allow for the establishment of accessible CAC programs throughout Indian country whether they be tribally operated or operated with a tribe as a collaborative partner.

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians recommends the implementation of a formal annual consultation, similar to annual consultation conducted by the OVW, to include the publishing and distribution of an annual report. We make the same recommendation for Family Violence Prevention and Services within ACF of the HHS.

Tribal consultation is key to the federal government meeting its trust responsibility to the tribes. At the very least, an annual consultation will serve as an opportunity for the federal government to learn which of its programs and services effectively impact the tribal nations and which do not. At its best, an annual consultation will encourage a free flowing discussion between representatives of the federal government and the tribes. An annual reporting of needs and progress just makes sense.

Department of Health and Human Services (HHS): Concerns and recommendations Administration for Children and Families

Indian Health Services (IHS) Office of Clinical and Preventative Services (OCPS), Division of Behavioral Health (DBH):

Concerns and recommendations:

Extensive documentation has found inadequate victim service programs across Indian Country. The Domestic Violence Prevention Initiative is no exception. **The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians recommends increased funding be allocated to the Domestic Violence Prevention Initiative.**

Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA): Concerns and recommendations

The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights published a 2003 report, *A Quiet Crisis: Federal Funding and Unmet Needs in Indian Country*, that clearly evidenced the inequity in funding allocated to public safety and justice programs in Indian Country at that time. During 2016, data was again gathered and it is reported tribal law enforcement agencies are only 40 percent funded and tribal courts are only six percent funded.

Every year, it feels like we come with our hands out, begging for money; but the truth is, the federal government owes us. When the federal government ratified its treaties with the tribes, it obligated itself to recognize tribal sovereignty and to provide for the health and well-being of the tribes. We held up our end of the deal, and now you have almost all our land and resources. Now, the federal government needs to hold up its end, and provide us with necessary services.

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians urges the Department of Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs address the issues of tribal program funding disparity and to meet the funding needs of tribal services and programs.

Framing papers: Concerns and recommendations

It is recommended that framing papers be issued within the same time restrictions as is the 120-day minimum notification to tribes of coming annual tribal consultation gatherings.

Consultation: Concerns and recommendations

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of

Chippewa Indians recommends that tribal representatives offering verbal testimony during annual OVW consultation not be interrupted due to time limitations.

Conclusion:

I did not have the necessary time to provide you with the entire testimony of my tribe. Therefore, I will submit a written copy of the testimony, in its entirety, to you now.

(End of testimony. Ed. note: citation footnotes removed.)

From time to time, I went "off script" and added additional points. I told them this was my third testimony with the Department of Justice (DOJ) and each time I have offered to assist the DOJ in ways that will strengthen the relationship between the DOJ and tribal nations. I spoke that I was sincere in this offer and am willing to do whatever it takes to make things better for tribal nations. I went on to explain that tribes are not municipalities, county or state governments; we are tribal nations, and expect to have a nation-to-nation relationship with the federal government. I also reminded them about treaty obligations to ALL tribal nations. I stated I felt it is wrong to put tribes in competition with each other for services ALL tribal nations should be receiving. I spoke to the fact that our women and children struggle to get the help they need because of transportation issues — it could take hours for them to travel by car for help, but at least our tribe has ROADS! I stated there was something morally wrong with putting tribes that have NO ROADS and NO ACCESS, in competition for the same federal dollars against tribes who at least have ROADS. I directly stated ALL TRIBES deserve PROPER resources to protect our people, and the DOJ needs to fix this problem.

Again, I could not have been more proud to be a member of our tribe. We have wonderful, caring and talented people working together to achieve better lives for our people.

Promises kept

Speaking of "access," I promised I would hold office hours and have gatherings/meetings in the downstate area. I FINALLY have a date, time and place. I will be in the Lower Level Board Room at the Orion Township Hall, 2525 Joslyn Rd, Lake Orion, Mich., on Friday, Dec. 8. The building is only open until 4 p.m. daily. My office hours will be from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and we will have a gathering from 2 to 4 p.m.

Please call me at (906) 440-9151 if you would like to meet with me privately. If there is interest, I will be happy to schedule "access times" again. Sometimes meeting face to face is simply better.

On a final note, I wish you all a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday. I know I have much to be thankful for — an amazing family, great friends and many opportunities to serve our tribe. I am blessed.

Shawindekaa (Many blessings),
Anishnaabe gagige
(Anishnaabe for always)

Jen
(906) 440-9151, JmcLeod1@saulttribe.net or jennifer.mcleod.2012@gmail.com

Budget process needs revamping with priorities



LANA CAUSLEY-SMITH,
DIRECTOR, UNIT II

We are in the process of reviewing our 2018 budgets for the governmental arm of the tribe. We have recognized (known they were coming) some major expenses we will need to consider moving into the New Year. In our Insurance Department, we have anticipated a certain amount and this budget amount has not been met, therefore, we will need to come up with \$1.8 million to make this department whole and meet budget marks. This is the first large ticket item we will need to consider.

The second is the new “pay scale” review we had the outside company do on all our positions to meet market rates. This long review came with many items to consider, one major one being NOT all employees will receive an increase per their job description. About half of team member may receive a step grade increase; some decrease and some remain the same. This will cause many questions as to how it is completed and why only certain ones received them. Many have stated this was going to be a “raise” for workers. It is not, it is a review for each position and that always has to be remembered. We have not had a complete look at our positions in a very long time, so this was to assist in keeping competitive with wages and close to market rates. The board did vote

to table this for more discussion, as this is also a big-ticket item for additional monies needed this year and for years to come. This amounts to millions as well.

Our tribe now sustains a \$52-55 million wage budget; any increase has to be additional money needs and, with our market and revenue this past year, we are really just maintaining our own now. It's a balancing act attempting to keep direct services and programs to members, keep staff employed with increases, keep maintenance up on all our buildings, offer health insurance and protect our legal and sovereign rights.

I have many members who think just because we have casinos that we have a lot of money. To be honest, we struggle to get the funding for what we need from the casinos every year (they do what they can in the market and with the economy). I do believe we can do much better, but politics and micromanaging bogs us down immensely. It has become worse through the years and it is disheartening. I'm actually very pleasant here because it's frustrating. I've supported ever single CEO we've hired, I've been supported of their changes and expertise, but sometimes this tribe is its own worst enemy.

These are just a couple items I wanted to explain as we move forward with the governmental budgets, and soon we will be seeing our casino budgets for 2018. Both come with major needs and limited money coming into our tribe. I still wholeheartedly do not agree with how we do our budgets, as no priority is set, no stats on members served analyzed and no real change other than, same old, same old way. I'm in the minority in that decision on the board, so we will go another year with same way of doing it. I guarantee you, if I had my way we would revamp the whole process and use our limited resources that we do have much wiser, there

I was kind of pleasant, still.

My next item to discuss is we have recently hired an “employee specialist” to work directly with team members on issues they have in the workplace. The Human Resources Department had come with policy changes and we have met some of them, but on an ongoing basis we still have inconsistencies with the way things are done and this person can help in assisting with some of the nonsense you have to go through when it comes to problems in your workplace. All of your managers and supervisors should have the information available to you for this contact person.

The next item is the recent decision the board made to file a lawsuit with the Department of the Interior on our land in trust denial. As everyone knows, we have spent the last four years working on the Lansing casino project, jumping through the hoops and advocating our right to begin a business on our land — all for not. The denial was given finally. With that, we needed to make a decision on the next step and I fully support bringing suit forward. We have had to fight for every single thing we ever accomplished in Indian Country, so this is no different. If we want something, we have come to know this is how it has to be done. They stalled all they could, now with their outlandish claims that we did not provide what they have asked, we clearly have provided substantial evidence of our case and our general counsel has confirmed that time and time again.

I did not initially even support building in Lansing, but a referendum upheld the majority of the board's decision to do that, so I respected that and supported the process. I do agree we need major revenue opportunities such as the Lansing casino to sustain and meet our needs as a sovereign Indian nation. I have just given two examples above where

major amounts money are needed to sustain just two areas of our nation.

The last item I will talk about is the recent referendum you received in the mail (I always appreciate and invite the calls from members for an explanation; I had many). The board made the decision to combine the Inland Committee and Great Lakes Committee again to be one committee known as the “Conservation Committee.” This decision came like many others and that's with lots of table discussion and also lots of behind-the-scenes politics. My position on it is this — it was having problems as one committee years ago, so we made two committees. With the recent problems we have had in both the inland area and commercial fishing, a thought was that we have one committee again to work toward all of our treaty rights and also be prepared and solid on items they wanted to see in the next consent decree in 2020.

I have voiced my concern in past reports on the extreme conflicts and agendas that we hear of daily but I do want to say that many items needed to be considered and our future of rights need to be priority. The members who were part of these committees were not just kicked off or ignored; we invited them as asked for their input with some of the concerns that had come to light. For everything we do there is always one side, the other side and somewhere is the truth. I made the decision because we are not fulfilling what is expected of our regulations and rights. I'm not blaming any one committee or group, but if we want to make things better and move forward, sometimes things need to change. Again, the “same ole, same ole” way does not always work for our people or our rights. I can assure you that some members on those committees wanted them to be changed and combined, but some are simply too scared to speak out

for fear of bullying or retribution, that is why I made the vote that I did. In the end, just as predicted, the chair brought forward a little over 100 signatures to mail out a referendum (cost is about \$30-40,000). There was much debate on the way it was handled and circulated but not having the proper rules in place to circulate petitions, it was done the way it was done. Legal recognized there were flaws that could sustain argument about the authenticity of signatures and circulation, but since our code is weak and not specific it was deemed valid for that flaw; and to err on the side of the members, I voted to send it out, regardless. It was difficult but I always vote to send when one is brought forward. The shame is knowing there is a weak code in the process and corrupting that for an outcome. I assure you I have placed into the board record that we need to spend time on the issues and changes that need to be made to our code and laws to strengthen them. In the end, whatever the members decide on the structure of the committee is what I will work with and hopefully we can prepare to conduct a solid system with their input from that.

In closing, some good news I would like to report is that the children's Christmas parties are in the works for our Unit II area. Each year, we have volunteers in Hessel, DeTour, Newberry and Naubinway. The dates and locations for each will be posted on our website and advertised in communities. I will also have the dates on my personal Facebook page when they are scheduled.

Please remember the veteran's powwow on Nov. 11, at the Kinross Recreation Center.

As always, if you would like to meet or discuss any items, please contact me, (906) 322-3818, (906) 484-2954 or lcausley@saulttribe.net. Baamaapii.

Thank you.

Lana Causley-Smith

Sault Tribe Board of Directors

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There are many things that need to be published for the membership to see. The fishing investigation is one as well as the text messages he sent to a team member. He preaches witch hunt every time he wants to protect someone. He was, after all, the supervisor over the ITFAP division while things were taking place. Many of these divisions were a mess under his direction. He would give directives to have checks sent to certain senators or causes using the legislative budget. He was also the Budget Department's supervisor so he could have them pay for all his travel, expenses and other things in other budgets that nobody knew about. Just one example was a board resolution passed to pay \$10,000 to NCAI and the actual check was written for \$50,000 so he could secure his seat on these boards. He had to sign off on every person being hired in the tribe. I could publish a novel with all the corruption in just the last six years. Just think things go back to the late '90s. Paying off one of your good friends over a half million dollars. Trying to hire your past board

member buddies to executive positions.

Many of our team members are waiting to see if the board is going to move forward on the wage grids. Currently the team members' wages are based off 2012 market studies. The cost of implementation is a few million dollars and will not result in every team member seeing an increase. It is based on the market so some positions may either have not increased or could have actually decreased but that doesn't mean the wage would be reduced in those cases.

The tribe as a whole is struggling with keeping and recruiting qualified and dedicated staff. I am not saying wage is the only issue because I know it is not. The concerns are that spending a few million dollars to rectify the wage grid issues may result in cuts in other areas and also the compounding effect on payroll for years to come. The casinos are not making more money so when they have to spend more; they have to either cut capital purchases or may not be able to give the \$17 million they give to the government every

year. As hard as this decision will be, I believe that it is something that needs to be rectified. If at some point we don't have staff to run our businesses or provide the services to the members, we will have failed our purpose.

Every year I talk about having strategic plans in all areas and for the board to set priorities so the \$17 million is used in the most useful manner. What are the most critical services we need to have? What are we wasting money on that could be better spent in other ways? We have been told all departments will have a finalized strategic plan soon, so hopefully in 2018 there will finally be priorities.

The board insurance voted to retain another attorney, Mark Slonum, to help negotiate the 2020 Consent Decree. We need to have the best legal team possible so we don't lose any more of our rights.

With the continuous rising cost of insurance, we will have to look at options for the future. Whether being self-insured is still our best option will need to be decided. We are paying more money per year than some team members are

being paid.

Tribal members can now use the Little Bear Fitness Center for free. Skating will also be free again this year to anyone. The only other thing I would like to see is for members to have access to a local pool that is easier on people with joint issues to be able to exercise.

I would like to thank our Community Health staff who take care of our elders and homebound people. They do a great job and are very kind to our people. Keep up the great work!

Please remember that the LIHEAP program (heating assistance) is now accepting applications. We were originally told we would be getting much less funding and have received our grant and it was not cut nearly as much as we were told.

The youth sponsorship is still available to pay up to \$150 for those that qualify at 300 percent of poverty. The program will cover senior pictures, driver's education, sports and other extracurricular activities. Applications are available on saulttribe.com or by calling the administration

building.

The annual elder holiday meal will be held on Thursday, Dec. 14, in Sault Ste. Marie for Units I-III.

Unit III's kids' Christmas party will be held on Sunday, Dec. 10 at the Kewadin Shores Casino from 1 to 4 p.m. We would appreciate anyone willing to bake cakes for the cakewalk.

Times are very depressing in our workforce. Every time I run into team members they tell you the struggles in their work environment. There is a lot of harassment and nepotism that continues to plague our workplaces. I feel terrible that nobody wants to correct these issues. For one thing, it would be called a witch hunt, always out to protect someone. I feel like I was able to help more people when I was an administrative assistant than I can now. Things have got to change and I will continue to be that voice!

Thank you for all those who send me emails or calls. I appreciate your support and will always try my best to help. You can reach me at bsorenson@saulttribe.net, bridgett91@yahoo.com or (906) 430-0536.

Membership input must be consistent and fair



DARCY MORROW,
DIRECTOR, UNIT IV

During the week of Oct. 23, 2017, Mr. Morrisett of Morrisett, Schlosser, Jozwiak and Somerville of Seattle, Wash., our lead legal counsel hired for the 2020 Consent Decree, did another round of community meetings for membership input. He went to the Marquette, Naubinway, Escanaba and Garden communities to meet with fishermen and community

members. Director Chase and I attended the Escanaba and Garden meetings; some issues that have come up at the meetings are invasive species (zebra mussels, sea lamprey, Asian carp, etc.) and the planting of invasive fish. Other issues were more specific to the 2000 Consent Decree about what was taken away during that negotiation and what members want to see restored.

At the board meeting held in St. Ignace on Oct. 24, Director Sorenson introduced a resolution to hire another attorney, Marc Slonim, for the 2020 negotiations. This is completely different than the process that was done to hire Mr. Morrisett. The last time when we did this process we included tribal members to attend and question all legal counsels who were applying for the position. By putting a resolution on the table to hire Slonim, tribal members input was cut out completely; or were a select few able to give input and that is why the resolution was brought to the

board table? The resolution to hire Slonim passed; I included an amendment to the resolution that Mr. Morrisett is the lead counsel going into the 2020 negotiations. The tribal board gives tribal members input when they want you to think they care about what you want. This resolution to hire Slonim is another example that no matter what, if this board has the majority vote members input does not matter or goes unsolicited. The membership needs to start asking the chair and board members the hard questions; don't let them give you their political spin on it. Ask them point blank questions they must answer "yes" or "no" to. The chairperson and board are supposed to be here for the membership.

Membership input has a two-hour block from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at each regular board meeting. During board meetings on the Western end our membership gets held to the five-minute talk time. They have even been cut off during their time at the podi-

um and they are told to resubmit another form and we will let you talk for five minutes longer. But when we are in Sault Ste. Marie for a meeting or the surrounding area, members are not held to their five-minute talk time. It just depends on their political allies on the board. I have watched the chair pick and choose who he will allow to talk over the five minutes time frame and who he will not. When this happens in our community during the meeting I voice my concern immediately to the chairman about how he picks and chooses who he allows to speak. I have no problem with the membership going over their five minutes at any meeting if all members are treated the same and it happens at all meetings.

On Monday evening, Oct. 23, at the Gladstone Junior High cafeteria over a 100 people gathered for the Fall Feast dinner. This event was organized by the new Gladstone Area Schools Indian Education coordinator and Sault

Tribe member Karen Corbett. Special presentations were done by Sault Tribe members Duane Kinnart of Gladstone, Tony Grondin of St. Ignace and distinguished guest Earl Meshigaud from the Hannahville Potawatomi Tribe. There was a water ceremony presented by Gayle Christensen and Gennie Morgan. Everybody enjoyed the presentations and the dinner that consisted of many Native dishes. The children enjoyed making a craft and taking part in the drumming and singing. To everyone who attended, Chi miigwech!

Just a reminder: Unit IV elders in the Escanaba area, your meeting place for Nov. 16 will be the Terrace Bay Inn, 7146 P. Rd, Gladstone, Mich., catered meal to start at 5:30 p.m. Hope to see you there.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Thank you

Darcy Morrow, Unit IV Representative, (906) 298-1888, dmorrow@saulttribe.net

Unit IV director updates current tribal issues



DENISE CHASE,
DIRECTOR, UNIT IV

2020 Consent Decree meetings

Recently, there were four more community meetings held throughout the Western end to gather input and hear your concerns regarding the 2000 Consent Decree, which will expire in 2020.

Letters were sent to all licensed commercial fishermen, subsistence fishermen and advertised in local papers so the membership could attend one of the four meetings with Mr. Morrisett, the attorney hired to represent the tribe to protect our treaty fishing rights in 2020.

Meetings were held Oct. 23 in Marquette Ramada Inn at 4 p.m., Oct. 24 in Naubinway Snowmobile Museum at 6 p.m., Oct. 25 at the Escanaba Comfort Suites at 1 p.m. and Oct. 25 at Garden Township Hall at 4:30 p.m.

If you couldn't attend any of these meetings and still want to share your input, call Linda Grossett at (906) 635-6050 and she can get the information to Mr. Morrisett.

New wage grid

The resolution, "Establishing New Wage Grids Governmental, Housing and Enterprise Positions," was tabled at last Tuesday night's meeting. There were still many questions being asked and all the information was not provided to the board. Some of the questions being asked were can you guarantee if this market wage grid is implemented that there will not be any cuts to programs or direct services to the membership? Can you guarantee that there won't be any future layoffs happening because of the projected annual cost? Can the tribe sustain the budget increases going forward?

In January 2018 all employees will be receiving a 2.5 percent

COLA increase.

I agree the tribe needs to fix wage grids, compression and longevity issues. Another workshop or two is definitely needed to review this new wage grid before it is implemented. It might not hurt to have another outside entity seasoned in compensation come in and do one so we can compare them both and then select a market based pay structure that can be implemented for our workforce; with sustainability.

Prescription mailing program is moving forward. We were told that the computer equipment has arrived and installation will happen soon. The go-live date for all three pharmacies in Sault Ste. Marie, Manistique and St. Ignace should be announced soon. This will be a huge benefit for the tribal elders who are established at one of the tribal health centers to get their RXs mailed to their homes.

Telemed services – Escanaba

No new update other than the equipment was received the beginning of October and staff will have to be trained prior to start date. Hopefully, a start date can be announced prior to the next unit report and before the

snow flies.

LIHEAP heating assistance

ACFS was recently notified that they will receive the \$450,000 in LIHEAP funds for FY 2018. It's still a \$50,000 reduction in funding from the state for the tribe's heating program from prior years.

If you are in need of heating assistance and meet the program guidelines or don't know what the guidelines are, call Viola Neadow at (906) 341-6993 or 1 (800) 347-7137, or Heidi Coley at (906) 387-3906.

The LIHEAP program opens Nov. 1, 2017.

The Elder Heating Assistance Program opens on Jan. 1, 2018. This program has higher income guidelines.

Children's Christmas parties

The children's Christmas organizing and planning committee will meet within the next two weeks to set dates for our upcoming annual children's Christmas parties.

It takes a considerable amount of time to plan, organize, find a venue and shop for the parties. As soon as the parties are scheduled the tribe's Communications department will announce the

community events on the tribe's website, intranet, newspaper, Facebook, flyers and local papers. I look forward to seeing all the children's smiling faces as they tell Santa what they want for Christmas and how excited they get when they receive a present from Santa and his elves.

Reminder for elders 60 and over

Elder monthly meetings and dinners schedule

Marquette County (Unit 4 and 5 Elders invited) — first Thursday of the month, Nov. 2 at 6 p.m., Holiday Inn, Marquette

Manistique Unit IV Elders — second Wednesday of the month, Nov. 8, 12 p.m., Manistique Tribal Center

Delta County Unit IV Elders — third Thursday, Nov. 16 at 5:30 p.m., Terrace Bay Inn, located between Escanaba and Gladstone

Any Sault Tribe elder and guest can attend any of the monthly meetings listed. Please plan on attending an elder meeting in your area, hope to see you there!

If you need to contact me please call me at (906) 203-2471.

Thank you,

Denise Chase

Making programs work with available funds



KEITH MASSAWAY,
DIRECTOR, UNIT III

Work begins again on our budgets for the calendar year Schedule C is the largest set of

budgets we have for the tribe. These budgets include Education, Elders Services, Cultural, Health, Housing, Law Enforcement, Tribal Court and many other divisions. They have cost centers like Legal, Government Relations, Information Systems, Newspaper, Accounting, Payroll, OMB and hundreds more.

This is a mammoth budget that has expenditures of nearly \$60 million. Most of the budget dollars come from the federal government and other federal and state agencies.

Approximately \$18 million comes from tribally raised moneys. This \$18 million is divided upon many different cost centers. We use some of it to match

grants we receive, for example, in Education and USDA food programs. Some we use to augment grants to help loosen the guidelines so more members can use the services. A lot of the money is used to run programs we cannot get grants or federal dollars to run. Some of those are for our tribal elders, youth activities and Cultural Department. We also use that money to pay debt and government expenses.

So, as you can see, this is not an easy task when these budgets come up and they never fit under the amount of money we have to spend and the board has to scrutinize every line so we can make all these programs work to the best of their ability with the funds

we have available to us.

A large amount of time has been put in by our chairperson and board with consultation at the state and the federal governments. In the current political environment, we have had to fight off the attacks and the diminishment of our funding and access to services. It takes a lot of education and effort to minimize

these reductions as they pop up. I applaud the chairperson, board and staff for all the work they do and how successful we have been in securing what we need.

Thank you again for all the e-mails and phone calls.

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Scenes from the tribe's Gladstone fall feast

Photos submitted by Darcy Morrow

On Oct. 23 at the Gladstone Junior High cafeteria, over 100 people gathered for the fall feast. This event was organized by the new Gladstone Area Schools Indian Education coordinator and Sault Tribe member Karen Corbett. There were special presentations by and distinguished guest Earl Meshigaud from the Hannahville Potawatomi Tribe and Sault

Tribe members Duane Kinnart of Gladstone and Tony Grondin of St. Ignace. Gayle Christensen and Gennie Morgan conducted a water ceremony. Everybody enjoyed the presentations and the dinner that consisted of many Native dishes. The children enjoyed making a craft and taking part in the drumming and singing. To everyone who attended, Chi miigwech!



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